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U.S. Vice-President George Bush at the Western Wall during visit to Jerusalem. [Religious News Service Photo]

2,100 athletes; 285 from Canada

All set for Youth Games

By
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TORONTO —

Toronto will be the scene of an international olympic-style sporting event this week as the 3rd North American Maccabi Youth Games get under way Friday (Aug. 15) with colorful opening ceremonies.

Approximately 2,100 young athletes from nine countries spanning four continents will march into the Metropolitan Toronto Track and Field Centre at York University on Friday at 5 p.m. to kick off the games. Carrying the torch for the Canadian team will be Melanie Craig and Richard Smith, junior athletes at the 1985 Maccabiah Games.

Youngsters aged 12-16 from Canada, the United States, Israel, Australia, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela and Chile will compete in 11 sports in a variety of North Toronto locations.

Toronto team captain Marty Tweyman, an intense competitor in his own right, is quick to point out that winning medals is not the raison d'etre for the Games, which will run until Aug. 21.

"We've been emphasizing the participation aspect of the thing — not just the winning," he says.

Not only are the Games an opportunity for homegrown Jewish youth to meet their confreres from exotic locales, but it's also hoped the experience of friendly international competition will instil in them the desire to work towards a spot on the Canadian team to the 1989 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Besides competing in volleyball, softball, track and field, swimming, squash, tennis, racquetball, table tennis, basketball, soccer and sailing, the young athletes' calendars will also be taken up with an oneg Shabbat, a Canada night and an Israel night where they'll sample a taste of each country's way of life.

The participation represents a doubling of the numbers from the last youth games in Detroit, with Toronto's contingent jumping from 30 to 120.

Canada's 285 young athletes will be far outstripped by the numerous contingents from south of the border, as the Americans are expected to send 1,500 athletes and coaches.

"The excitement I hear over the telephone is overwhelming," says Maccabi executive Harold Cipin. "It's really coast to coast."

The farthest a Canadian athlete will have to come is from the West Coast, as Vancouver will be contributing a single participant to the games. Other cities represented include Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg with 40 athletes, Windsor, 10, Hamilton, 20, Ottawa, 6, Montreal 75 and Toronto with 120.

Israel is expected to send a 69-person delegation and Mexico 60.

All athletes will participate at the opening ceremonies (to which the public is invited to attend), and Cipin promises a colorful "extravaganza."

Dignitaries such as Metro Chairman Dennis Flynn, Monte Kwinter, minister of commercial and consumer relations, Bernie Kamin, president of the JCC and representatives of the Maccabi World Union will be on hand.

The most popular sport in terms of participation will be boys basketball, with 36 teams entered. Toronto will be represented by the Jewish Community Centre Blue Demons, provincial juvenile basket-

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Bush "optimistic" after Mideast trip

WASHINGTON —

U.S. Vice-President George Bush last week said he returned from his 10-day trip to the Middle East with "a more optimistic feeling" about prospects for peace in the region.

Bush said this feeling was based on the talks he had in Israel, Jordan and Egypt; on the agreement by the leaders of those three countries to a statement of five common goals for negotiations and what he called Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres' "historic and courageous" trip to Morocco for a meeting with King Hassan II.

The vice-president discussed his Mideast trip at a press conference with seven American Jewish and Israeli journalists in his White House office.

Although Bush was accompanied in Israel by a video camera crew to film his visit for use in his upcoming campaign for the presidency, he denied that his Mideast trip was political.

He maintained he went to the Mideast to advance United States foreign policy. "Anything I do domestically" or in foreign affairs "is put in an 88 context," he said. He added that if the trip helps his political prospects, then "great."

Bush spoke glowingly of his meetings with Peres. "I am just more convinced than ever of his determination to try to move the peace process forward," the vice-president said.

He said he did not feel this would change when Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir becomes Prime Minister in October. "I felt convinced when he (Shamir) told me he really wanted things to move forward," Bush said.

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Taba resolution imminent: Peres

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Premier Shimon Peres predicted last week that the Taba negotiations would be concluded within "a week or two."

Peres made the remark to a session of his Labor Party's Knesset caucus in Tel Aviv, while in Eilat a round of Taba negotiations ended without the hoped-for announcement that a compromise or document of arbitration could now be signed.

The negotiators had spent some of the day clambering about on the hills and dunes overlooking Taba so that each side could designate in plastic terms its territorial claim over the 2-square-kilometre disputed tract of land.

Peres said there was agreement on 95% of the accord.

Israel's Avraham Tamir and David Kimche are to fly to Cairo in an effort to wrap up the remainder with Egyptian foreign minister Esmat Abdel Meguid.

AG: no prosecution for Malcolm Ross

By
RON CSILLAG

MONCTON, NB —

Malcolm Ross, a Moncton teacher, will not be prosecuted for allegedly promoting hatred against Jews.

After a year-long investigation by the Moncton police force and several outside experts, New Brunswick Attorney-General David Clark announced late last week that Ross, the Maritime director of the Christian Defence League, will not be charged under section 281.2 (2) of the Criminal Code, which makes it an offence to wilfully promote hatred against an identifiable group.

Ross is the author and distributor of several publications alleging the Holocaust was a hoax and that there is a Jewish conspiracy to seize control of the world.

The complaint against Ross was laid last summer by Julius Israeli, a Holocaust survivor living in Newcastle, about 100 miles north of here.

Israeli alleged that the booklets by Ross, *The Real Holocaust, Christianity versus Judeo-Christianity* and *Web of Deceit*, wilfully promoted hatred against Jews.

But Clark ruled that since Web of Deceit, which was at the heart of the complaint, is no longer available to the public, prosecution cannot take place. Clark said, however, that the booklet did appear to fall into the definition of hate propaganda.

Clark's ruling boils down to the fact that the works' lack of public availability outweighs their being hate propaganda.

"The Web of Deceit does appear to fall within the category of material that could reasonably be put before a court to determine if it was hate propaganada. However, Web of Deceit is currently unavailable to the public and this fact was fundamental in our decision that no prosecution could or should be commenced," Clark said in a prepared statement.

Clark added that his outside sources, presumably people connected with the trials of Jim Keegstra and Donald Andrews, both convicted under the section, agreed that prosecution of Ross cannot and should not be commenced.

An angry Israeli told The CJN he feels "the refusal to prosecute (Ross) is a condonemenmt of hate propaganda in New Brunswick and is an open permit to Ross to continue with this type of activity."

Shimon Fogel, executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress's Atlantic Region, told The CJN he would have reached the same conclusion as did Clark. "It would not have been in the best interest of the Jewish community to prosecute," he said, adding that winning such a case would have been much more difficult than the cases of Keegstra and convicted falsifier Ernst Zundel.

Fogel said Ross' books convey opinion and not historical truth.

USSR, Israel to probe peace role, relations

By
JTA and Reuter

The Soviet Union and Israel are to meet officially in Helsinki, Finland this week or early next week to discuss resuming relations, and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres says Israel may accept a Soviet role in Mideast peace talks if relations are restored.

The Soviet Union has been effectively shut out of the Middle East peace process since it and most Eastern European countries severed diplomatic ties during the 1967 Six Day War.

Peres said last week that if relations — and they would likely be limited to just consular relations — are restored, the Soviets would "stop taking one-sided stands on the Middle East."

Peres, speaking in the northern Israeli town of Migdal Haemek, said Israel has two grievances against Moscow:

"The first is the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union. The second is the fact that the Soviet Union is the biggest supplier of arms to radical Arab states...Syria, Libya and the rest."

Peres said Israel would be justified in bringing up the matter of Soviet Jewish emigration, since many Soviet Jews have been awarded Israeli citizenships and are, from

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Big Conservative shul accepts woman rabbi

LOS ANGELES —

Leslie Alexander, a 31-year-old Californian, has become the first woman rabbi to serve with a major Conservative congregation in the United States.

Ordained a Reform rabbi in 1983, Alexander, a fifth generation rabbi, is currently taking pre-rabbinic courses at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, the west coast branch of the Conservative Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She already has more than the two sponsors necessary for her Conservative ordination.

Until recently, Alexander had been director of adult services at the San Diego Jewish Community Centre.

Last week, she led her first service as assistant rabbi at one of the country's largest Conservative synagogues, the Congregation Adat Ari El of North Hollywood, which has more than 1,000 members.

There are about 130 women ordained as rabbis in the U.S. and all are Reform except for four from the Conservative movement. Only two are serving Conservative pulpits but these are considerably smaller than Alexander's.

Polish, Hungarian ties seen before Soviet move

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israel will resume diplomatic ties with Poland and Hungary before such ties are formed with the Soviet Union, according to political sources here. The sources claimed that ties with Poland — at the lowest diplomatic level of "interest sections" in Warsaw and Tel Aviv — are expected to be established this month followed by similar relations with Hungary.

Poland's resumption of diplomatic contacts with Israel was initiated by Warsaw, although this move apparently received the green light from Moscow, according to Israeli experts on Poland. That green light was given in the past week which, the experts noted, explains the delay in the implementation of the agreement in principle which was received several months ago in talks between Israeli and Polish diplomats in Bonn.

As for relations between Hungary and Israel, the two countries have had relative developed contacts for some time. Hungary, for example, has for the past three summers been a popular destination for Israeli tourists.

World-National

Shakespeare not beyond criticism

By
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Certain unhappy events occur and re-occur. High on the list of these regulars is a controversy over Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice which continues to bedevil us. A demarche by a citizens' group in Waterloo has once more focused the public's attention on a play that long ago would have been relegated to dusty library shelves were it not for the fact that its author was the Bard himself — and to all intents he has been beyond criticism.

Rabbi Plaut

How else to explain that junior high school students are, year-in year-out, taught a ridiculous as well as immoral plot? Defenders of the play have claimed that Shakespeare's real aim was to teach tolerance for Jews. After all, the author puts a memorable plea in the mouth of Shylock: "I am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes. Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions?" But these lines hardly counterbalance the overwhelming thrust of the story which depicts the Jew as basically greedy, a veritable anti-Christ who, accompanied by the merry laughter of the audience, meets his just deserts.

Wrong! say the play's advocates. Shakespeare wanted to teach tolerance by making the "Christian" victory as unfair and ridiculous as possible, and had intended the whole thing as a comedy. If so, then he failed badly, and generations of Jewish children suffering exposure to The Merchant will sadly testify to this.

What happened recently in Waterloo is but the latest of these sorry and predictable consequences. While the play was being read and discussed Jewish children present had money thrown at them by their fellow students who goaded them with "Pick it up, Jew!" Graffiti were smeared on their desks and epithets hurled at them. One needs little imgaination to divine the feelings of the victims. One of them said that the attacks made him feel that he was really no good because he was a Jew.

Too bad, one trustee is reported to have commented — we all know that there's anti-semitism out there. The sooner the Jewish kids get used to it the better. Fortunately the other trustees thought differently and at the urging of a Coalition for Quality in Education, decided to withdraw the play from the 9th grade curriculum, pending advice from the ministry of education and the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Belongs on shelf

"Censorship!" protested outraged diehards. Nonsense. No one is prevented from reading the play, and if it is to be taught in preference to better and more suitable comedies, let it be done in grades 12 or 13, and by competent and specially prepared teachers. That is the suggestion of the Coalition, and that was also the response of the majority of callers I heard on an open-line program on CBC radio.

Three conclusions suggest themselves:

• One, that teachers should never teach what they aren't prepared to teach. Unless they have adequate training in human sensitivities and fully understand the devastating effects of stereotypes, they have no business feeding The Merchant of Venice to their students.

• Two, school boards have to adopt a schedule of priorities. One should think that all of them place good human relations near the top of their list. What good is knowledge, even of the great Shakespeare, if this knowledge is harmful to other human beings? It so happens that in this case Jews are the focus of contempt, but the principle applies to all groups and people.

• Three, not only the Jewish students were harmed in the Waterloo school. The other students too were endangered in their human development, and especially those who committed verbal and mental assaults. That alone should warrant a serious reconsideration of this painful subject. The Merchant of Venice belongs on the shelf and not in the class room.

During The CJN's vacation...

Peres talks peace with Hassan

By
JEFF ROSEN

During The CJN's 2-week vacation, Israeli Premier Shimon Peres visited Morocco to talk peace with King Hassan II and U.S. Vice-President George Bush visited Israel as part of a 3-nation, 10-day tour of the Middle East. Meanwhile in Canada, the Canadian Jewish Congress urged the Israel government to rescind an order to stamp the identity cards of converts to Judaism with the word "convert."

This summary covers a number of major news events of Jewish interest during the past two weeks.

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Peres arrived in Morocco July 21 on an Israel Air Force executive jet and began his first round of talks with the Moroccan leader shortly after his arrival.

Following 10 hours of discussions, Peres returned home acknowledging that while his "purely exploratory" talks with Hassan did little to advance Mideast peace prospects, he said they reached an agreement to continue the talks at a future date.

Hassan told his countrymen in a nationwide address that the talks ended in failure because Peres refused to accept the resolutions adopted at the Arab League summit conference of September, 1982 at Fez, Morocco, which called for Israel's total withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories, negotiations with the PLO and the creation of a Palestinian state.

Peres informed the monarch that those terms were unacceptable to Israel. He responded to Hassan's proposal by offering Israel's plan for a Mideast settlement which consists of direct talks without prior conditions.

Immediately following Peres' arrival in Morocco, Syria broke diplomatic relations with Morocco and Damascus radio accused Hassan of "a long history of treason against the Arabs."

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarek welcomed the meeting as "a good initiative" that must be supported by all who favor peace in the region.

While most Israelis wished Peres well on the mission, there was less favorable reaction on the left of the political spectrum and bitter criticism on the far right.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said he knew in advance of Peres' trip to Morocco, but declined to say whether he gave Peres his blessings.

President Chaim Herzog welcomed Peres' mission. He said it indicated the extent to which the Arab states now accept the fact of direct talks with Israel as the way to achieve peace in the Mideast.

The Reagan administration called the talks "an historic opportunity" and urged all governments to support the new dialogue.

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U.S. Vice-President Bush arrived in Jerusalem July 27 and called for direct talks between Peres and Jordan's King Hussein as the next step in Mideast peace efforts. However, the Israeli leader said that it would "take time" before he met with Hussein.

While in Israel, Bush met with 18 prominent West Bank and Gaza Palestinian personalities and engaged in discussion on the issues of Palestinian self-determination and the role of the PLO in the Mideast peace process.

Winding up his stay in Israel, Bush signed agreements to establish a Voice of America (VOA) radio relay station in the Negev, as well as a tourism accord.

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In the Israeli cabinet, Justice Minister Yitzhak Modai averted a coalition crisis by resigning his post in the government on July 21 after publicly criticizing Peres. He was replaced by Avraham Sharir days later.

In an interview, Modai said that "Peres knows as much about law as he does about economics," referring to the April dispute between the two which led to Modai's removal as finance minister.

National Religious Party leader Yosef Burg lashed out against ultra-Orthodox Jews in an address at the opening of the NRP convention in Jerusalem, saying they "are deepening hatred and are themselves responsible for extremism in the non-religious camp."

He also condemned the proposal by Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz to have the word convert stamped on the identity cards of converts to Judaism.

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The new month brought tragedy in Israel as nine youngsters from Kibbutz Heftziba and one older member died in a road accident.

A kibbutz van, bringing the kids back from a seaside vacation, smashed into a huge semi-trailer on a road in the lower Galilee. The smaller vehicle, utterly crushed, was hurled to the side of the road where it hit a tree and burst into flames.

By the time rescue squads arrived, some 20 minutes later, all that was left of the group were the charred bodies of the youngsters and the 35-year-old driver, and one boy — severely injured — who died on the way to the hospital.

"Words cannot express our feelings, and no words can comfort," President Herzog wrote in a message to the grieving settlement.

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To mark the 44th anniversary of the roundup and deportation of nearly 15,000 Parisian Jews to Nazi death camps, a square in central Paris, on the banks of the Seine, was renamed Place of the Jewish Martyrs.

Premier Jacques Chirac, who is also mayor of Paris, unveiled a plaque bearing the inscription: "Neither France nor Europe will ever forget the unhuman treatment meted out these martyrs, symbols of oppression." On July 16, 1942, the largest mass arrest of Jews by French police occurred in Paris. Of the 13,000 arrested on the first day of the roundup, 4,000 were children.

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In other developments in Israel and around the world:

• The Israeli navy intercepted a ship of Cypriot registry off the Lebanese coast and detained a number of terrorists, identified as members of Al Fatah, part of the PLO's mainstream loyal to Yasser Arafat.

• A prototype of the Lavi, Israel's second generation jet fighter was unveiled at Ben Gurion Airport July 21 in the presence of Herzog, Peres and his cabinet and 2,000 invited guests, including five U.S. congressmen and a U.S. Air Force delegation.

• The 15 members of United Nations Security Council unanimously approved a 6-month extension of the mandate of the UN peacekeeping force in south Lebanon for the first time. The government of Lebanon had requested an extension of the mandate, which was granted through Jan. 19, 1987. The 5,800 troop force is commonly referred to as the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon or UNIFIL.

• Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, the Archbishop of Cracow, paid a 12-hour visit to Israel which was shrouded in secrecy. While in the Holy Land, he spent four hours in Yad Vashem, lighting a memorial torch and inspecting the library and archives.

Traveling to Geneva a week later, he pledged to suspend construction on the Carmelite convent being built on the site of the Auschwitz death camp at a meeting attended by high-ranking Catholic leaders and French, Belgian and Italian Jews on July 22. He said his voluntary decision to freeze the construction work "would show the temporary nature of the convent."

• Meir Rosenne, Israel's ambassador to the U.S., underwent a single bypass surgery at Georgetown University Hospital on July 22. He was released Aug. 5.

• Vice-Premier Shamir underwent a successful cataract operation on his left eye at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital on July 23.

• The Israeli army imposed a curfew on the biblical town of Jericho July 24 after a grenade was thrown from a rooftop wounding 13 Israelis who were on a day sightseeing visit to the West Bank town. The pro-Syrian Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for the attack to protest the meeting of Peres and Morocco's Hassan.

• A 20-year-old Israeli soldier from Beersheba was killed in Lebanon in a skirmish with terrrorists on July 31. Sgt. Arieh Touboul's unit came across the terrorists in the northwest of the security belt in southern Lebanon, about 7 kilometres from Israel's northern border. He was mortally wounded in the ensuing exchange of fire. Two of the terrorists were also killed.

• The U.S. state Department announced July 31 that it planned to provide Jordan with $4.5 million in economic aid to be used for "developmental projects on the West Bank." Spokesman Bernard Kalb said that up to now all U.S. funds to improve the "quality of life" for the West Bank have been appropriated through the West Bank Fund which is administered by private international voluntary organizations.

• Margarita Papandreou, wife of Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, accepted an invitation to visit Israel late this year or early 1987. She said she would go in her capacity as president of a women's organization affiliated with her husband's Socialist Party.

• Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek announced that the 13th International Book Fair will be held in the city's convention centre from April 6 to 12, 1987.

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Back in Canada, the Canadian Jewish Congress urged the Israel government to rescind an order to stamp the identity cards of converts to Judaism with the word "convert," calling the practice "repugnant and un-Jewish."

A cable to that effect was sent to Peres, signed by Dorothy Reitman, president of CJC, and Alan Rose, executive vice-president, stating, "Canadian Jewry finds this decision wholly repugnant and un-Jewish, and we urge the government of Israel to rescind its decision which, if upheld, will produce a schism in Israel-Diaspora relations."

Manitoba Premier Howard Pawley admitted that Jews and women were not allowed to work for a Manitoba Telephone System subsidiary in Saudi Arabia, but resisted demands that the province withdraw its investment in the company.

While condemning in principle all forms of discrimination, Pawley and his ministers insisted that they needed more time to study the situation.

Finally, a Vancouver hotel cancelled a booking for a speaking engagement for convicted falsifier Ernst Zundel after receiving numerous calls from its customers threatening to cancel business.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres (left) and Morocco's King Hassan on the palace grounds in Ifrane.

World-National

Economy hurt by lack of visitors

"We must promote tourism to Israel" - Peters

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO —

Cecily Peters, national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO returned from a series of meetings and conferences in Israel recently in a sombre mood.

"Israel is faced with so many problems and contentious issues," she reflected. "Tourism, so important to the country's economy, is way down. We were told that after these international meetings were concluded, one of Jerusalem's largest hotels had only 35 reservations and that the finest tour guides were working only 8-10 days a month.

"It's imperative that all Canadian Jewish organizations and individuals promote trips to Israel. I was very pleased to learn that a number of Toronto synagogues and groups are planning tours for the fall, but it's not enough. We must all do more."

Her organization will be celebrating its 70th anniversary in November of 1987, at which time it will sponsor "Celebration 70" and hopes to bring hundreds of members to Israel for the festivities. The event is being organized under the chairmanship of Roz Mendelsohn of Toronto, national recording secretary.

Mrs. Peters went to Israel to attend the meeting of the international board of governors of Hebrew University, the Jewish Agency and the Zionist General Council. The sessions were somewhat overshadowed by the Shin Bet affair, the strife between the Orthodox and secular communities, a nationwide nurses' strike and the new requirement for converts to have their conversion noted on their Israeli identity cards.

A record of 220 participants from 14 countries attended the 48th annual meeting of the Hebrew University international board. While the keynote speaker at the opening session, Prof. Michael Bruno, newly-appointed governor of the Bank of Israel, was optimistic about the country's economy, the board members were told that the university is faced with an $18 million deficit and that its budget has been cut back 20% by the government.

At special convocation ceremonies for the presentation of doctoral degrees (including one to Torontonian Edward Bronfman), one of the speakers warned that the years of effort put into graduate studies would be wasted for many scholars if they are unable to find research and teaching positions due to budget cuts.

"Don't force us to export our graduating scientists," another pleaded, "too much has been invested in them."

"I felt very proud that Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is helping these scholars with our Fellowship Program in computer science and anti-semitism," Peters added. "I was also proud to visit the Ornamental Horticulture building on the campus that our organization built."

The Jewish Agency meeting was disrupted by wrangling between the Diaspora delegates and those from Israel regarding the disposition of funds raised in other countries. Nevertheless several vital resolutions were passed, including one to prohibit funding for "non-Zionist educational institutions where students do not celebrate Independence Day, serve in the army or speak Hebrew." Funds will now be allocated "only to those Jewish schools, programs, yeshivot and institutions which recognize and support the State of Israel as the existing national homeland of the Jewish people."

The delegates were moved by the talks of the guest speakers, Mrs. Peters found. Natan (Anatoly) Scharansky urged that both quiet diplomacy and public demonstrations be maintained in order to force Soviet Russia to open its gates and permit free emigration of its Jewish residents. While not all would go to Israel, Scharansky believes that the important aspect is that the Jews be free to leave, not where they go.

Cecily and David Peters

President Chaim Herzog deplored the failure of Diaspora Jews to make aliya. "I fear that the historians of the future will record this failure as one of the missed opportunities of our national resurrection," he stated. On matters affecting contemporary Israeli society, the President said that "what Israeli society needs today is increased tolerance and civilized coexistence. Without them we will be hard put to continue the great work of building."

Peters took time out to visit the new Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Residential Centre in Mivasseret, Jerusalem for out-of-town children being treated at the Research Institute. Five children are now living there and ultimately there will be 20.

Dalia Atlas, an internationally acclaimed Israeli conductor, was filming a concert for television at this time. She was so impressed with the work of Dr. Reuven Feuerstein at the institute, that she devoted the concert to his honor, with all of the proceeds going to the school. Feuerstein is a renowned teacher of the mentally and physically handicapped and his techniques have been adopted by major institutions around the world, including the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. A primary source of his funding is Canadian Hadassah-WIZO.

Mrs. Peters, who was accompanied on this trip by her husband, Dave, also met with the directors of other Canadian Hadassah-WIZO schools, including Rabbi Nachum Cohen, director of the Hofim Absorption Centre for Ethiopian youngsters; Yardena Dagan, the first female director of the Neri Bloomfield Haifa Community College and Lee Diamond, the new director of the Magdiel Youth Aliyah School.

"Evey time I meet with these dedicated people in Israel and I learn more about their accomplishments, I resolve that our Canadian organization must be made stronger and larger. The work which we are sponsoring for the benefit of children, women and the aged in Israel ultimately benefits the entire country.

"We are now embarking on a major membership drive across all of Canada. We are asking each of our members to enroll as many new members as possible. I know that because of their dedication and devotion to our work, we'll surpass our goal of 1,001 new members."

Mrs. Peters heard President Herzog speak again, when he addressed the opening session of the Zionist General Council. Calling for increased activity within the Zionist movement, the President expressed high hopes for the success of the new Magshimim Movement which promotes Zionist fulfilment through aliya.

CJC executives lobby European diplomats

OTTAWA —

Canadian Jewish Congress President Dorothy Reitman met with high ranking European diplomats in Ottawa recently to express Congress concerns on a number of issues.

In a meeting with Alexy Makarov, minister counselor of the Soviet embassy, Reitman raised the case of Ida Nudel, saying Congress "is working...to facilitate the reunification of Mrs. Nudel with her sister Elana Fridman in Israel."

She also raised the case of a Refusenik who has been denied permission to leave the Soviet Union for several years and urged Makarov to pursue the matter with his government.

Reitman, along with Mira Koshchitzky, chairwoman of Congress' national executive and Alan Rose, Congress executive vice-president, met with Dr. Wolfgang Behrens, the West German ambassador, to discuss the new German restitution law which will indemnify victims of Nazi medical experiments while establishing new guidelines for special cases.

In a meeting with Andrzej Kacala, the Polish ambassador, Reitman said the proposed Carmelite convent at Auschwitz "would be an affront to the Jews who died at Auschwitz as it would be the only religious edifice on the site."

Reitman asked the ambassador to determine the Polish government's position on the matter and on the question of allowing a small synagogue to be constructed on the site for Jewish visitors to the former death camp.

(Work on the Carmelite convent had been halted pending further discussion, it was later announced.)

Reitman launched her 2-day visit to the national capital by meeting with Keith Spicer, editor of the Ottawa Citizen. Accompanied by Rose and Gerald Berger, president of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council, Reitman articulated key issues on the Canadian Jewish agenda and offered to assist the Citizen with background information on Kurt Waldheim for use in a book to be authored by Citizen columnist Ilya Gerol.

Reitman and Rose also met with Gordon Fairweather, the federal human rights commissioner, to discuss proposed amendments to the federal Human Rights Act and the issue of redress for Japanese-Canadians.

Israel field trip planned by CJC

MONTREAL —

The national small communities committee of Canadian Jewish Congress is organizing a Chanukah trip to Israel for families from small Jewish communities in Canada.

The trip, which is scheduled for Dec. 24-Jan. 7, includes four days in Jerusalem, two days each in Tel Aviv and Haifa, a kibbutz weekend, home hospitality, as well as side trips to Masada, Ein Gedi and the Galilee.

Families with children aged 8 and older living in small communities are encouraged to participate to learn more about their culture and heritage while meeting other Canadian families from small communities.

For more information, write to: Small Communities Committee, Chanukah Israel Field Trip, 1590 Dr. Penfield, Montreal, Que., H3G 1C5, or phone (514) 931-7531.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: We have two periods of national mourning: Sefiras ha'Omer, and the three weeks which end with Tish'a B'Av. Which period has the deepest mourning?

Man bleeds wherever he is cut. He mourns every loss in his family. Yet even when the hurt is in the same category, each is distinct and different. Though the death of a father or mother calls for 12 months of mourning, there is a difference between them. That difference is seen in Psalms, Chapter 35:14, when David says: "I bowed down mournful, as one that mourneth for his mother."

Rabbi Burak

So, too, are there differences between these two periods of national mourning. The three weeks which conclude with Tish'a B'Av are the time of deepest affliction. The days appear to be cursed. The evidence for this view is to be found in the Code.

Students not struck

In O. H. Chapter 551, paragraph 18, cheder teachers are commanded by the law that "they shall not beat the students" during these drei wochen, neither by hand, rod, or strap. No matter how much their students might torment them, the teacher could not strike back. The times, being accursed, the slightest slap could bring on a serious illness. There is no such restrictions during the Sefirah.

This writer, having experienced the heavy hand of a cheder melamed in Poland, knows just how fortunate were those youngsters who did not have to suffer such beatings during the burning heat of the summer, because the Shulchan 'Aruch prohibited striking a student during the three weeks of mourning for the destruction of the Temple.

But, wait a moment. In the Da'as Torah, a volume of manuscript material published in 5733, the author cites a manuscript by the Da'as Kedoshim where this point is made: This rule which prohibits the beating of a student during this period, is valid only in a chamber with no mezuzah. When the school room has a mezuzah, the teacher may smack 'em. No evil can befall them when the room is protected by the mezuzah.

Fortunately for the students, this manuscript material was not brought to light until modern times when all such beatings are frowned upon and may not take place even in a room that has a mezuzah. A Hebrew teacher has lamented that he may not even give a dirty look to a nasty lout.

Pitiless slaughter

But, in a number of cases the laws of Sefiras ha'Omer and the drei wochen are the same. For instance, one may not trim one's hair during either period. This led the learned author of Masa di Yerushalayim, Ta'anis, Chapter 4:6, to conclude that as far as mourning for the destruction of the Temple, "the mourning during the Sefirah is equal to it, for we mourn the death of tzaddikim, the disciples of Rabbi Akiva, which is equal to the destruction of the Temple. The death of tzaddikim is equal to the destruction of the Beth ha-Mikdash, or even more so."

To this, the author of the S'de Chemed, in his Pe'as ha-Shulchan, page 373, gives a resounding no. According to him, the destruction of the Temple was the more terrible experience, for with it went the pitiless slaughter of the righteous by our bitter and merciless enemies.

So, we mourn the destruction of the first and second Temples, and the slaughter of the innocents, as a deeper tragedy than the death of Rabbi Akiva's disciples who died peacefully rather than by the hand of murderers.

Overlooked by both of these great authorities is the loss of our homeland that followed the destruction of the Temple. Since then, we have been as a driven leaf, tempest tossed, without a home of our own, and stones have been our pillows. Gone was our freedom. Now there was no shelter from the storms that beat upon us.

Out of that night of darkness, Israel was reborn again. Let it be once more the terra sancta, the land of Torah, and the home of the free.

Sabbath movies controversy

Visit stirs ultra-Orthodox protests

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — What was to have been a purely goodwill visit here by the mayor of Petach Tikvah was protested by a group of ultra-Orthodox Jews who used the occasion to publicize the dispute in that Israeli city over what it claims is a desecration of the Sabbath.

Mayor Dov Tavori, five Petach Tivkah city councilors, the town clerk and their spouses were in Montreal last month for the twinning ceremony of Petach Tikvah with Laval, a large suburb north of Montreal. During the visit, a coalition of local chassidic congregations placed a quarter-page advertisement, worth $1,100, in the daily Gazette describing Tavori as a "rabid hater of religious Jews (who) is doing all within his power" to "sanction and encourage the desecration of the Sabbath in every possible manner."

Laval Mayor Claude Lefebure (left) presents Petach Tikvah Mayor Dov Tavori with a sculpture by local artist Leo Gervais as a token of the friendship between their two cities. [Howard Kay photo]

Petach Tikvah, eight miles northeast of Tel Aviv, has been the scene of demonstrations by ultra-Orthodox Jews against the opening of cinemas on Friday nights and other activities permitted by the city administration on the Sabbath, such as running public transportation.

Although cinemas are open in several Israeli cities on the Sabbath, Petach Tikvah has become a test case which has been heard in four levels of courts, up to the Supreme Court. In an interview with The CJN, Tavori said all the decisions have upheld the right of a privately-owned Petach Tivkah cinema to open on the Sabbath.

"As far as I am concerned, that decides the issue," he said, "nothing is going to change my mind. There is a basic philosophical principle at stake here and that is that the beliefs of one group of people should not be forced on others."

Tavori, a Labor Party member who is in his second term and eighth year as mayor, said about 15% of Petach Tikvah's population of 150,000 is religious but only about 5% of this segment are "religious extremists" who support the demonstrations against the cinema.

He said there had been demands from many parents in Petach Tikvah to have a nearby cinema open on Friday nights because their children were going into Tel Aviv anyway to see movies.

Tavori's view is that attending a movie on the Sabbath is a matter of individual rights. "I am not religious, but I believe in the Torah. I think restaurants and other public institutions should be kosher, for example, to give access to the whole population.

"Going to the cinema on the Sabbath, however, is a personal choice which hurts nobody else. It is an indoor activity, that should not bother anyone," said Tavori, a psychologist who has worked for the ministry of education for 25 years and is in charge of the informal curriculum in Israeli schools. He added that the movies at the cinema in question do not begin until 10 p.m. Friday — allowing time to attend synagogue or otherwise observe the Sabbath.

The mayor was apparently undisturbed by the advertisement, which accused him of "openly manifesting his contempt and scorn for Torah-observing Jews" and of being "wickedness" incarnate. He dismissed their protests, pointing out that — as declared in the ad — the sponsors are anti-Zionists opposed to the modern State of Israel.

The advertisement protesting Tavori's visit was paid for by the Central Rabbinical Congress, a New York-based umbrella organization for several ultra-Orthodox groups led by Rabbi Moses Teitelbaum. Asher Weider, a spokesman for the Congress, said eight or nine chassidic sects in Montreal, representing some 600 families, are affiliated with the Congress. Among the more prominent are Satmar, Belz, Tash, Skuer and Mesifta.

The ad was signed by "Canadian Jewish Friends of Petach Tikva" and included a Gazette box number as an address. The Gazette later admitted there had been a "slip-up" in not printing the actual advertiser, Congregation Yetev Lev, a Satmar congregation on Durocher Ave. in Outremont.

While the chassidic groups' ad drew the most attention, the largest Jewish congregation in Laval, the Orthodox Young Israel of Chomedey, took part in its own passive protest against Tavori's visit.

The Young Israel's spiritual leader, Rabbi Solomon Spiro, turned down an invitation to attend the official twinning ceremony at Laval city hall. Spiro, who is also the director of the regional Mizrachi Organization, said the congregation of about 500 families asked for a meeting with Tavori to express their disagreement with the city's allowing these activities on the Sabbath. Spiro said the Young Israel congregation in Petach Tikvah is one of the groups taking part in the protests. For reasons not clear, the meeting did not take place.

Spiro stressed that the Young Israel of Chomedey was not involved in the placing of the ad, and dissociated the congregation from these Chassidic groups because of their anti-Zionism. Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith officials also expressed regret over the ad.

Spiro accused Tavori, who was elected this year chairman of the Union of Local Authorities in Israel — "mayor of the mayors" — of being "part of that movement of secularists deliberately trying to destroy the status quo which was in place when Israel was created in 1948."

Both Weider and Spiro referred to guarantees by Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, that religious laws in place at that time would not be revoked.

Petach Tikvah ("the gateway of hope") was one of the earliest Jewish settlements in Palestine, founded in 1878. The idea to twin the city with Laval was that of a former Israeli consul in Montreal Yitzhak Eldan, and has since been taken on as a project by Laval city councilor Irwin Bigman.

The Israeli delegation, whose trip was paid for by the city of Petach Tikvah, was given tours of Montreal and Quebec City, as well as of Laval. They met with local businessmen to explore possible economic exchanges.

Among the features the cities found they have in common, besides living in the shadow of a metropolis and having populations largely composed of young families, are extensive health care and medical research facilities.

In September, a delegation from Laval, including city officials and business representatives, will make a reciprocal visit to Petach Tivkah. Among the participants will likely be representatives of the Armand Frappier Institute, a Laval based laboratory.

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World-National

Kahane actions spur Knesset bill

JERUSALEM (UPI) —

The Knesset last week passed a hotly debated anti-racism bill that critics charged would not accomplish its initial goal — curbing radical Rabbi Meir Kahane's anti-Arab rhetoric.

Two-thirds of the Knesset voted 57-22 for a watered-down version of the bill introduced in May 1985 by then-justice minister Moshe Nissim. One-third of the lawmakers did not vote, either because they were absent from the midnight poll or abstained, a Knesset spokesman said.

The anti-racism law was passed only after the Labor Party agreed to endorse another bill sponsored by the right-wing Likud bloc that banned all unauthorized contact with members of the Palestine Liberation Organization or any "terrorist" group.

Kahane, leader of the extreme right-wing Kach Party, waved both arms in the air when he voted for the bill that initially was meant to educate the public on his declared goal of expelling Arabs from Israel and Israeli-occupied territories.

"Kahane voting for the bill is like Casanova voting for the Seventh Commandment," veteran statesman Abba Eban told The Jerusalem Post, referring to the Lord's Commandment that "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

The bill makes it illegal to incite racism, which is defined as the persecution or degradation of a group "on account of its color, racial affiliation or national-ethnic origin."

The original version barred persecution on the basis of religion. However, the word "religion" was deleted in a bid to gain support of religious parties that feared statements in their prayer books might be interpeted as racist.

Critics of the law said it will not affect the movement led by Kahane, who has called Arabs "dogs" and said in a recent interview that "there are no moderate Arabs — only clever Arabs and stupid Arabs."

"Although we directly suffer from racism, no Arab representative voted for the law because we are not convinced it will work," said Abdel Wahab Darousha, one of the Knesset's seven Arab members.

Kahane apparently was undeterred by passage of the bill, which sets a 5-year prison term for anyone convicted of inciting racism.

"Israel's Declaration of Independence declares this as a Jewish state," Kahane said after the vote. "The only way to ensure the continuation of the Zionist Jewish state is to preserve a Jewish majority."

Investigation bid turned down

Herzog's pardons upheld

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The High Court of Justice last week upheld the pardons granted by President Chaim Herzog to the head of the Shin Bet intelligence agency, Avraham Shalom, and three Shin Bet officials in the 1984 case in which two Palestinian bus-hijackers were killed in Israeli custody.

Several groups of private attorneys and the Citizens Rights Movement had petitioned to invalidate the pardons.

The court also turned down a request for the court to order the government to investigate the affair, accepting Attorney-General Yosef Harish's statement that the police would investigate.

The court was asked to rule following the pardons issued some seven weeks ago, even though the four officials have not been tried for their alleged involvement in the cover-up of the killings.

Justices Meir Shamgar and Miriam Ben Porat upheld the pardons. They ruled that the President could grant a pardon at any stage of a case even before trial and out of any consideration, including that of security. This means the President's authority to pardon individuals is practically unlimited.

Dissenting Justice Aharon Barak decided such authority was in conflict with the democratic principles of the state.

The investigation was unanimous.

Immediately following the decision, Police Inspector-General David Kraus gave the go-ahead to a special investigation team. Kraus announced last month that the team had gathered and analyzed the relevant information.

Herzog had no official reaction to the decision. His spokesman said any additional requests for pardons would be evaluated on their own merits.

Sharir said the decision was a step toward terminating the affair. Harish also expressed satisfaction.

Former Justice Minister Yitzhak Modai said the decision showed that the government had acted correctly on the inquiry. He expressed hope that the commotion surrounding the affair would dissipate.

Citizens Rights Movement MK Yossi Sarid also expressed satisfaction and said that the result was expected. "We have achieved our main target," he said, "to force the government to open an official investigation." He said the investigation was begun "only under the sword of the high Court of Justice."

The losing petitioners can appeal to the president of the Supreme Court, Shamgar, to appoint a special forum of five justices for an additional ruling, which can overrule that of the 3-justice panel. However, the forum can be established only if there is new evidence that is "hard, new and important."

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Sought role in Zundel appeal

Court says no to CJC, BB

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Ontario Court of Appeal recently turned down an application by Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith for standing in the appeal of convicted falsifier Ernst Zundel.

The two organizations had sought permission to intervene in the Sept. 22 appeal to assist the court on two legal issues: whether Criminal Code Section 177 under which Zundel was prosecuted violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and whether or not the publication of a statement likely to cause "mischief to a public interest" is a criminal offence.

Despite having their application turned down, spokesmen for both organizations saw positive aspects in the decision. Manuel Prutschi, national executive director of joint community relations for CJC said the chief justice acknowledged each organization's expertise in combating hate propaganda and anti-semitism.

He said Congress, represented in court by national legal chairman Austin Cooper, tried to intervene because "we thought because of our special interest we would bring a particular perspective that could assist the court in dealing with the constitutionality and validity of Section 177."

Mark Sandler, national legal chairman of the League for Human Rights, said intervenor status in criminal matters is rarely granted. He said the League was "gratified (Howland) recognized our expertise" in controlling the spread of hate literature.

Zundel's lawyer, Doug Christie, opposed the application, arguing the Crown would fully canvass all the legal issues and that his client should not have to meet the submissions of both the applicants and the Crown.

Howland stated the Crown would address all the legal issues raised in the appeal.

Zundel is appealing a conviction for spreading false news by publishing a booklet which claimed the Holocaust was a hoax. He was sentenced to 15 months in jail followed by three months probation during which he is not allowed to speak publicly on the Holocaust.

Special knowledge

(The Zundel case marks the first time "mischief to a public interest" was defined as causing social or racial intolerance.)

In handing down the decision, Chief Justice W.G.C. Howland stated the special knowledge of CJC and the League for Human Rights of BB did not justify their intervention.

Noting their expertise is in controlling the distribution of hate literature and combating social discrimination and anti-semitism, Howland stated that expertise was not specifically related to the constitutional questions involved, nor to Section 177 itself, which does not deal with hate propaganda, but with the "broader subject of spreading false news."

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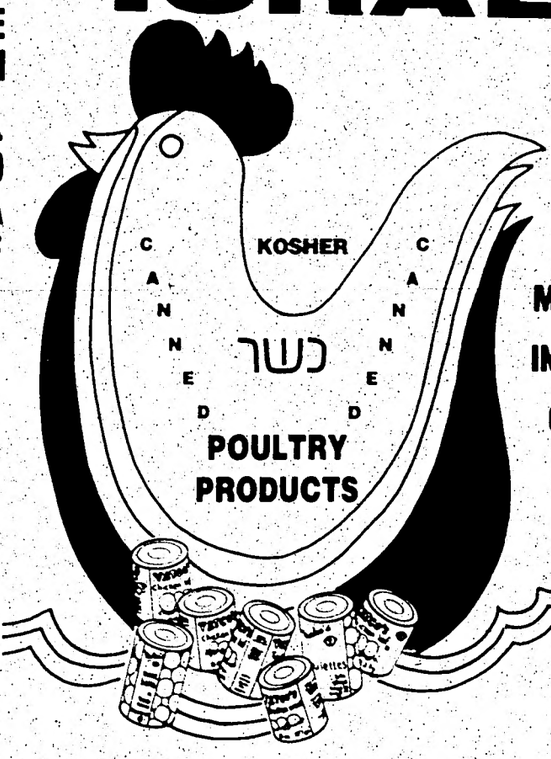

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World-National

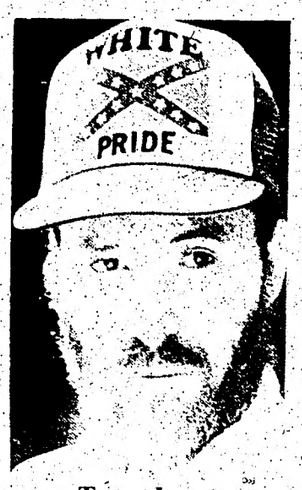
Educating community about racial, religious tolerance

Jewish groups react to plans by Aryan Nations

By
PAUL LUNGEN

CALGARY — Jewish organizations are working with a coalition of community groups in Calgary to foster tolerance and understanding in the wake of a recent announcement by the Aryan Nations white-supremacist group to set up a training camp in Caroline, Alta.

The Calgary Jewish Community Council (CJCC) is working with local church, labor and multicultural groups and individuals to "educate the community" about racial and religious tolerance,



Terry Long

said Drew Staffenberg, executive director of the CJCC.

Calgarians Against Racial and Religious Discrimination (CARRD), is a grass roots organization of church, ethnic and other groups that originated in the aftermath of the Jim Keegstra trial, Staffenberg said. Keegstra, the former Eckville teacher, was convicted of promoting hatred against Jews in the classroom.

A spokesman for the Edmonton Jewish Federation who requested anonymity, said the Federation had been contacted by concerned groups and individuals about the announcement by Terry Long, head of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian Aryan Nations, that he will build a compound to train members of the church at his home in Caroline, 200 kilometres northwest of Calgary.

The Federation issued a statement calling on Albertans to "show these people they're unwelcome here," the spokesman said.

Long, 40, calls himself Canada's High Aryan Warrior Priest, and is Canadian leader of Aryan Nations, an anti-semitic white supremacist group based in Hayden Lake, Idaho. The camp will train people in the church's philosophy, said Long.

However church leaders in Calgary have issued statements saying Long's "church" is not representative of Christianity.

According to reports, David Millican, a spokesman for the Alberta solicitor-general's department, said the department will investigate Long to determine whether he is training people to become racist military vigilantes.

"There's little doubt the government could move if a military-style training camp was set up," the Edmonton Jewish Federation spokesman said.

Representatives of both the Calgary and Edmonton Jewish communal organizations noted there was "concern" in the community about the developments, though both added Long has "minimal following" and represented a "lunatic fringe."

Manuel Prutschi, national director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress said Congress "regrets that the media has chosen to give publicity to Terry Long and his ilk."

Meir Halevi, national director of the Jewish Defence League, said the JDL will hold a protest against Long in the fall, while William Barker, captain of the sheriff's office in the Idaho county where the Aryan Nations headquarters are located, said Canadian membership is growing and many of the groups new members are Albertans. He estimates there are about 6,000 members of the Aryan Nations in the United States and Canada.

Telegrams of protest submitted

Israel barred from Chess Olympiad

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — The Chess Federation of Canada and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Toronto have protested Israel's exclusion from the 1986 International Chess Olympiad, to be held this fall in the United Arab Emirates.

Both have sent telegrams to the president of the world governing body of chess, the Switzerland-based Federation International des Echecs (FIDE), protesting Israel's barring from the olympiad, which will take place Nov. 16 to Dec. 3 in Dubai, one of the emirates in the Arab gulf state.

Dubai, considered hardline in its policies to Israel, announced earlier this year that Israel, which has usually supplied some of the better chess players in the competition, would not be allowed to attend the olympiad, too late for FIDE to take the games away from the UAE.

Officially, Dubai does not allow Israelis to enter the emirate.

In its telegram to FIDE president Florencio Campomanes, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre says "such a decision constitutes nothing less than a scandal and a black mark on the International Chess Federation, which should stand above and apart from politics." The centre said FIDE must have known Dubai's policy on Israel when the gulf state was awarded the olympiad. The Wiesenthal centre also called on the Canadian chess team to boycott the olympiad "to help reverse this racist and purely political initiative."

But Chess Federation of Canada president Peter Stockhausen says the Canadian contingent of five players and one captain would not withdraw from the competition.

Stockhausen told The CJN he does not believe boycotting the olympiad would help. But at its annual meeting in Winnipeg last month, the federation sent its own protest to FIDE, reminding Campomanes that any country hosting the games cannot exclude another country of good standing, whatever the reason.

"It's a very unfortunate incident. Obviously, it dragged on behind the scene," said Stockhausen. "I would think that the UAE made a commitment that everybody could attend. What pressure they faced and from who remains a question."

The chess olympiad is held every two years, he added, with every other competition held in Greece. In 1972, Israel hosted the games and much of the Eastern European bloc stayed away.

"It doesn't make any sense," Stockhausen said. "If they didn't want any Jewish players there, they shouldn't have the Soviet Union. Half their players are Jewish."

He said two resolutions were passed at the annual meeting: one, to send a protest to FIDE for "breaching its own rules," and two, to reconsider Canada's future participation in the olympiad if FIDE continues to allow the rules to be broken.

The federation, Stockhausen said, will press Canada's representative to FIDE, J.G. Prentice, to make a last ditch effort at persuading Dubai to include Israel.

Israel's consul-general in Toronto, Gideon Saguy, told The CJN he heard that several foreign chess federations are pressing FIDE either to include Israel or change the olympiad's venue.

Saguy said the Scandinavian and Dutch teams in particular have stated that if Israel is excluded, they would boycott the competition.

The Name Game

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MEYEROVITCH — BATSHAW — GOLDSTEIN

I am moved by a letter of appreciation from Yoine Goldstein, the current key man of the prestigious Montreal law firm of Meyerovitch, Goldstein, Flanz & Fishman, to devote today's lesson to a case study of that firm in onomatology (the name game).

The founder of the firm was the great commercial lawyer, Philip Meyerovitch, QC, whose son Perry Meyer (who discarded the "ovitch" as surplusage) is a distinguished judge of the Superior Court of Quebec. The source of this patronymic name is Meir — the giver of light in Hebrew.

A predecessor of Perry on the bench was the late Mr. Justice Harry Batshaw, a partner with his father, which I infer was an anglicized version of the biblical female name Batsheva.

Goldstein (gold stone) was one of the choice names allocated for a premium fee to those who selected 14-carat surnames. Most Jewish surnames which have a component of precious metals (Gold, Silver) or precious stones (Edelstein, Diamant, Ruben, Safir) derive from this source.

Cluster bomb probe dropped

NEW YORK (JTA) — Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Major American Jewish Organizations, last week lauded the justice department decision to quash subpoenas against Israelis alleged to have illegally attempted to import American technology to manufacture cluster bombs (CJN July 17).

The justice department announced earlier that the subpoenas issued for eight unnamed Israelis working for Israeli military industries' procurement offices in New York were withdrawn in exchange for the Israeli government's promise to cooperate in the investigation.

"I have full confidence that the accusations against Israel will prove to be without foundation," Abram said. "But I am deeply concerned that the campaign of rumor, innuendo, leaks and similar tactics carried out by unnamed sources in the bureaucracy is intended to jeopardize the positive attitude toward Israel that exists at the highest levels of our government and among the American people generally."

Abram is not alone in his suspicion, voiced by both Israeli officials and American Jewish leaders in recent weeks, that strategic press leaks on alleged Israeli espionage cases in America are aimed at sabotaging American-Israeli relations.

". . . There are some people in Washington who apparently do not accept the policy of this administration toward Israel and who appear determined to challenge it," Abram said.

"They do so by leaks, by loose charges, by manipulating the media, as in the recent case when TV camera crews accompanied Customs agents who showed up at a warehouse in upstate New York to investigate the possible 'illegal' acquisition by Israel of U.S. military technology."

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Rabbi Joel Teitelbaum, the previous Satmar rebbe, died Aug. 19, 1979, at age 91. His 40,000 chassidim, largely in Williamsburg, NY, and in Jerusalem, continue to comprise one of modern Judaism's more controversial elements.

Teitelbaum was a descendant of Rabbi Moshe Ben Zvi of Ujheli, who brought chassidim to Austro-Hungary. A scholar, tzaddik, and wonder worker, Rabbi Moshe won the love of the common people for his intercession in their day-to-day problems, and the admiration — however begrudging — of other religious leaders for his classic tract on chassidut and his halachic responsa. A firm man, he successfully resisted opposition to his movement by local mitnagdim (antagonists) until his death in 1841. His son and grandsons were forced to relocate to the town of Sighet.

Rabbi Chanania Yom Tov Lipa, Joel's father, was embroiled in the community dispute over whether to join Hungary's Budapest-centred union of Orthodox congregations. He also acquired renown as a scholar. He died in 1904; his son rabbi Chaim Zvi took over his mantle. Chaim Zvi, who also became known as a tzaddik, was succeeded upon his death in 1926 by his son, Rabbi Yekuthiel Yehuda. Sighet's last rebbe, the latter died in Auschwitz in 1944.

Satmar, a microcosm

Joel was born when his father was almost 60, an unexpected second son. He was sent to serve in the Capathians and Transylvania. In 1928, he finally settled in Satmar, a large town on the Romanian frontier. Its 12,000 Jews then (1/5 of the total population), in five large synagogues and nearly two dozen smaller ones, comprised a microcosm of affiliations. B'nai B'rith, Zionism, a Jewish national party, and various Orthodox groups vied with each other.

After six years of struggle, Joel won the long vacant post of leader of the Orthodox community.

A number of brash new Zionism's qualities alienated the religious, particularly of Hungary. These included its largely secular leadership, socialist aspirations, Russian-Polish domination, unabashed rejection of religious observance, disdain for tradition, increasing influence on youth, fund raising expertise, and agrarian messianism. Its goal of creating a Jewish state like any other secular state aroused ultra-Orthodox opposition.

Chassidim and their opponents of generations past finally joined ranks. Their alliance, Agudat Israel, was formed at least in part to meet what was perceived as the ultimate threat to Judaism: undercutting and distorting the messianic redemption. Joel became Central Europe's staunchest anti-Zionist leader.

Saved by Zionist

Satmar became a haven for refugees when World War II broke out. The Germans began shipping its Jews to Auschwitz in 1944. In one of those ironies that characterize Jewish history, Joel was among the 500 that Hungarian Zionist functionary Rudolf Kastzner saved from Adolf Eichmann. Joel was taken from Bergen-Belsen to Jerusalem, to settle in New York several years later. There he took up the leadership of his murdered nephew's chassidim.

Joel intensified his opposition to the State of Israel, not only on halachic grounds: Zionism forestalled the Messiah, he maintained, and brought the Holocaust and other calamities on the Jewish people. The state condemned itself through its own lifestyle and politics, he argued. He also objected to the use of Hebrew outside prayer.

He condoned individual settlement in the Holy Land under the full observance of the mitzvot, but condemned any cooperation with the state's authorities.

All this, he argued, was necessary if Jews around the world were to be protected from incurring God's wrath once again. In a visit to Jerusalem and the Kotel several years ago, Joel went via Turkey, replacing Israel railway and other tickets with those printed by his own movement.

In the recent altercations in Israel between the ultra-religious and secular zealots, a Satmar spokesman commented that much more was at issue than posters of scantily clad women.

Exhibit on Jewish life in Canada

Curator seeks treasures for show

By
JOE KING

Janet Blatter (right) and Tilya Helfield document findings. [Tom Humphry photo]

MONTREAL — Gently she turned the pages of the time-worn journal.

The date on the page was 1776, and the journal, in English and German, but written in Hebrew script by fur trader Samuel Jacobs, described the movement of American forces as they prepared to attack Montreal.

It was another precious discovery by Janet Blatter, curator for A Coat of Many Colors — an exhibit of two centuries of Jewish life in Canada, which opens in the fall of 1988 at the McCord Museum here and will tour Canada until 1990.

The exhibit is a joint presentation of the museum and Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth.

Blatter came upon the dog-eared journal amongst many treasures in the National Archives of Canada.

Currently, the curator is identifying items which will go into the McCord exhibit, crossing much of Canada in a 2-year "treasure hunt" for material.

Many finds are exciting. Institutions across the land have "generously" opened their archives to her and to research assistant, Tilya Helfield. She describes people like David Rome at Canadian Jewish Congress or Ron Finegold of the Jewish Public Library in Montreal as "keepers of the memories."

Treasures found include invitations to events in the Winnipeg Jewish community in the 20s. On their backs were recipes for the dishes served, and the author of the recipe, like "a recipe for potato kugel from Aunt Sophie." Said Blatter: "Recipes are an incredible indicator of culture."

Throughout Canada, Jews built their lives — and retained their Jewishness — only through great adjustments to their circumstances. In Edmonton, for example, she found that the one kosher butcher was also the head of the chevra kadisha, the Jewish burial society.

The curator visited the cemetery with the butcher, and found something curious — a vegetable garden growing on the cemetery grounds. The butcher explained that some land had been set aside for non-Jews to raise vegetables in the hope that their involvement would discourage vandalism.

In Victoria, Blatter spent part of one Shabbat in the oldest synagogue in Western Canada — Congregation Emanuel — which was restored recently.

Blatter speaks warmly of the great job done by many institutions, and particularly by Jewish historical societies across Canada. The McCord Museum official was "very taken" by Winnipeg's "vibrant community."

Some of the materials she has uncovered have never been shown to the public.

She is particularly interested in finding paintings on Jewish themes. Oils by Plamondon and Hamel have already been identified. And she would like old photographs, showing what Jewish life was like through the decades.

She also wants mezuzahs, which are particularly hard to obtain, since tradition discourages their removal from doors when people move. "We need humble, home material," says Blatter who seeks out prosaic items like chalah covers to round out her picture of Jewish life.

The exhibit will reach back more than two centuries, to the very earliest Jewish settlers.

From the McCord Museum itself, for example, will come the papers of the Hart family, dating from the 1760s.

"They show," Blatter says, "how thoroughly integrated Jews were into the general society, and yet they labored to maintain their Jewish identity." Those first Jewish settlers, she continues, were "lusty adventurers." She says they left comfortable homes to seek adventure in the new world.

The museum itself says: "The history of Jewish life in Canada is an adventure of pioneers, of a society and tradition in transition, played out against the background of an emerging Canadian nation . . . Throughout, this is a history of the role and contribution of Canada's Jewish population in business, labor movements and in the arts and sciences."

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Editorial

Ah, for tolerance

"Let's not play with fire. Let's make tolerance fashionable again."

That's the message on a number of Jerusalem bus shelters these days and it has appeared in response to the rash of violent incidents which has punctuated Israeli society in recent months.

The same message is found in the July 26 issue of the Jerusalem Post where 20 of Israel's most prominent Orthodox leaders (including Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, formerly of New York, and Rabbi Nachum L. Rabinovith, formerly of Toronto) have issued a statement calling for an end to intra-communal violence.

Hemed and Hagut, the organizations which have promoted the bus shelter appeals and the newspaper advertisement are certainly on the right track. They are demonstrating the truth of the dictum referred to recently in a speech by Dr. Norman Lamm.

"To be a scholar," said Lamm, "you need a head. To be a religious soul you need a heart. To be a generous person you need hands and feet. To be an exegete you need a mouth. But to be a leader you need a spinal chord."

For far too long Israel has suffered a lack of resolve among Orthodox religious leaders who have been reticent to stand up against the incivilities of the extreme right. In their pursuit of shalom bayit — harmonious relationships among Jews, they have permitted those with narrow visions of Jewishness to dominate the headlines.

Now, anxious to show that sanctity and sanity are legitimate companions, the Orthodox centrists are making their voices heard in Israel — through the advertisement referred to and, we hope, through their personal intervention at the schools, yeshivot and other academic institutions where they are active.

These people represent Israel's best hope. They realize that love of Israel and of Torah can come only through education and models. Coercion and violence have no place in the religious register.

We wish them hatzlaha — luck, in their endeavors.

A spark in Poland

In 1939 Polish Jewry, numbering 3.5 million souls, was the second largest Diaspora community.

Forty-seven years later there are fewer than 5,000 Jews in the country.

The Holocaust explains the disappearance of one of the greatest Jewish communities in history. It can be said with grim irony that there are more Jews buried under Polish soil than there are living on top of it.

Even after World War II, however, there were still some 30,000 Jews left in various Polish centres. Twenty thousand of them eventually trickled off to various retreats. In 1967 there was a further reduction in the Jewish population when the Communist government discovered Zionism and denounced Jews in the country. Many Jews fled to Scandinavia and North America.

But what of the remaining Jews of Poland?

For almost two decades they have remained a whispy, shadowy community, unseen except for occasional shafts of light which fall upon them.

Now two Polish media people, Malgorzata Niezabitowska and Tomasz Tomaszewski have answered that question in a daring and innovative word and portrait survey of the remnants of Polish Jewry — about 5,000 people.

Niezabitowska, a journalist currently a Nieman Fellow at Harvard and Tomaszewski, Poland's most famous photographer, spent four years interviewing and photographing Polish Jews in Lublin, Warsaw and Crakow (as well as in some smaller hamlets).

The results of their research are captured in Remanants: The Last Jews of Poland (Friendly Press). The writer-photographer team has produced a work of historic importance because it captures the grandeur and the pathos of Poland's remaining Jewish residents, the dispirited heirs to one of Jewish civilization's golden moments.

There are some surprises in this new report on Polish Jews. Most of the interviewees are old, ill and broken in spirit. But there are others featured in the account who are young and determined to assert their Jewishness, their Zionist ardor and religious commitment — in a country where the cruel hand of Communism represses by reflex!

Polish Jews do not see a future for themselves in the country they have chosen as their domicile. Their presence there is an historical reminder, nonetheless, that the fragile spark of Yiddishkeit still clings to the land where it once blossomed into bright illumination.

Booty remains face auction

(Seventh in a series on Austria)

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

VIENNA —

There will be an unusual auction on Sept. 30 that will close a gruesome chapter in Austria's Nazi past.

In a yet-to-be-determined city, paintings, prints, tapestries, sculptures, books, coins, medals, documents and china will be auctioned off to the highest bidders.

The items in question, currently stored in a 17th century Carthusian monastery in Mauerbach, near the Austrian capital, were confiscated by the Nazis from their Jewish owners in the wake of Germany's annexation of Austria in 1938.

After the war, the Allies turned the goods over to the Austrian authorities with explicit instructions to return them to their rightful proprietors.

The Nazis stored the booty in various places — a castle, a salt mine and a building — and intended to exhibit the best paintings in a museum in Linz, Hitler's birthplace.

By 1955, more than 10,000 of the pieces had been claimed. But in the past 16 years, only 31 paintings, one sculpture, two watercolors, 11 books and various odds and ends have been returned.

What now remains is a collection of 8,000 pieces, consisting mainly of books and oil paintings.

Under the terms of a recent Austrian law, the objects may be claimed up to Sept. 30. After that, they will be auctioned off, with the proceeds going to organizations aiding Austrian victims of the Holocaust. Believing that not many successful claims will be made, the Austrian government has every expectation that the auction will take place.

Early in 1985, after Artnews and The New York Times published stories about the treasure horde, the Austrians agreed to issue a comprehensive list of the works. Later that year, in New York City, the Austrian finance minister, Franz Vranitzky (who has since become chancellor), met with representatives of the World Jewish Congress and the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria.

"We want to solve this problem once and forever," Vranitzky was quoted as saying. "The paintings and books that are not claimed will be sold, which means additional money raised for the victims of the Nazi regime. We won't keep a single penny."

Claimants in Canada can contact the Austrian embassy in Ottawa or Austrian consulates in Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver. The embassy and the consulates are ready to assist in filing claims and in providing further information.

To ensure that the news reaches the greatest number of people, the Austrians have asked the Canadian Jewish Congress to disseminate all available information to Jewish societies and publications throughout the country.

Gerhardt Sailer, custodian of the works, told The Canadian Jewish News that claimants will not have an easy time proving that a given piece in the Mauerbach collection really belongs to them.

Memories have dimmed, and, if experience is any guide, there will be multiple claims on some individual pieces. "In fact, a few cases have gone to court," he said.

All claims be will screened by Austrian experts and, if a dispute arises, by Austrian courts.

Sailer, who heads the department for the protection of historical monuments, said everything will be on sale, including about 460 works that were transferred to museums and, in one case, an embassy.

The Museum of Applied Arts took some rugs, while the Kunsthistorisches Museum obtained 82 paintings and one sculpture. The Albertina Museum, which has the world's largest collection of prints and drawings, picked up 200 drawings.

The Austrian embassy in Budapest had a tapestry.

According to Sailer, the majority of the paintings are of medium quality. French art critic Pierre Schneider has said that the paintings are generally "mediocre."

In response to a question, Sailer said he didn't know how much they are worth. Indeed, he had no idea what the value of the collection, in its entirety, happens to be.

"Foreign experts will soon assess their value," disclosed Sailer, whose high-ceilinged office contains French Provincial furniture, two oil paintings, white marble statues and rugs on a parquet floor.

Gerhardt Sailer

This reporter wanted to arrange a tour of the monastery, but the request was denied.

Sailer explained that he ran the risk of compromising the security of the Mauerbach holdings if he permitted people to examine them. Claimants would consequently be deprived of the ability to describe the work whose return they seek.

He said the works are stored in four rooms. Paintings are stacked on shelves with protective corner-padding, while tapestries and rugs are hung, and books are in piles.

Some of the paintings, he said, are in poor condition. But, because a constant temperature is maintained in the rooms, everything is exactly in the same condition as in the 1960s, when they were brought to the monastery.

Monastery where Jewish art treasures are stored.

Part of a painting by an Italian painter after 1900.

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Opinion

During luncheon at King David

Belize-Guatemala mediation may set precedent

By
GIDEON REMEZ

JERUSALEM —

Israel is a frequent customer for mediation services by others between her and her Arab neighbors, but seldom can Israelis cast themselves in the role of neutral conciliators. So it was with some satisfaction that local politicians and officials recently watched the first such effort get off to a promising start.

Barely one day earlier, Prime Minister Manuel Esquivel of Belize had opened his official visit here by asking vice-premier and foreign minister Yitzhak Shamir to exercise Israel's good services between his country and its neighbor, Guatemala. The latter has since time immemorial claimed the entire territory of Belize (formerly British Honduras), and when Belize rather reluctantly accepted independence in 1981 a British regiment stayed behind to deter any Guatemalan thoughts of an invasion.

The next day, Shamir was to hold a state luncheon in Esquivel's honor. Protocol dictated inviting the dean of the diplomatic corps — who happens to be the Guatemalan ambassador. A senior Israeli officials presented the invitation with some apprehension. To his delight, the ambassador accepted immediately. And so it was that the prime minister and ambassador of these two hostile countries broke every precedent by sharing a table at the King David Hotel, along with Minister of Justice Yitzhak Modai (substituting for Shamir) and Labor Social Welfare Minister Moshe Katzav.

Neither Modai nor Esquivel mentioned this modest bit of history in their toasts, but the visiting prime minister said: "It may be a first step. Your government went out of its way to invite the ambassador, and he was very friendly and cooperative . . . we're optimistic, as there is a new government in Guatemala — a civilian one, the first in a long time. The new president appears to be a very reasonable person." (And is also one of the next official guests expected in Israel.)

The first indication of Israel's possible intermediary role as a friend of both the Central American nations came several months ago, when Guatemala gave its tacit approval for the establishment of diplomatic relations between Jerusalem and Belmopan, Belize's new capital. Israel had been a major supplier of military hardware to the previous regime in Guatemala, especially after the Carter administration cut off military aid there because of human rights violations, and Esquivel said that this naturally was a cause of concern to the Belizeans.

"The Guatemalan army consists of about 25,000 men," he said. "We could never match such a war machine." (Belize has a land area almost exactly the size of Israel's, but a population of only 160,000.) "Therefore anything that enhances their military power concerns us. But I think that, from Israel's point of view, they feel

Manuel Esquivel

that these arms are intended for their own internal security. We could certainly hope that is the case." So it appears that Esquivel has dropped any hope of cutting off these supplies entirely. Only last spring a shipment of ammunition and a helicopter en route from Israel to Guatemala came to light when it was impounded in Greece.

For his own country, Esquivel had only civilian aid in mind. "We think that because of the expertise that you have developed over the past 40 years . . . there is a lot that we could learn from you. Agriculture will remain a major sector of our economy, and however more efficient we make it the better off we will be. So we're looking in the area of technical assistance."

The foreign ministry has already promised a survey mission to assess Belize's needs, to be followed by experts in the fields that are selected. But Esquivel also made an unabashed pitch for direct investment by Israeli private enterprise — noting that his government was even offering entrepreneurs instant citizenship. "What we're trying to develop is an interest in Belize, particularly with a view to investment on the part of Israelis in our agriculture or tourism."

Leading the way in this respect was the Japan-based international business conglomerate of Saul Eisenberg, who was recently named as Belize's honorary consul in Israel and won Esquivel's public tribute for "helping to bring this visit about." Eisenberg stuck to his usual refusal to make any press comment when asked about his interests in Belize, but it was learned that he was involved in the oil extraction industry there (vegetable oil, that is).

Israel's honorary consul in Belize, the prime minister noted, is a member of the country's minute Jewish community — of which there was only one other member he knew of. To which, presumably, might be added Mrs. Esquivel, the former Kathleen Levy.

The Arab community there is larger — the veteran component of it are Palestinians who gravitated to Belize from all over Latin America, and the rest are Syrians and Lebanese, all Christian. So it is hardly surprising that of the Arab countries Belize has diplomatic relations only with Lebanon, though Esquivel ascribes this mainly to a lack of initiative on the part of the others.

Neither did he make any connections between Belize's Palestinian community and his formulation of her Middle Eastern policy. "We have always supported Israel's right to exist within secure borders and have always joined with those who called upon all states of the region to recognize this. However, we have always had a difficulty with regard to the Palestinians and what should he their fate — particularly the concept of a Palestinian homeland.

"One reason for our coming here was to get a better grasp of the situation; from all the way across the Atlantic it's hard to assess the various positions, and since my government came to power (in the election of December 1984), we have taken a hands-off attitude because we really felt we did not understand them properly.

"We now are in a better position to understand, when calls are made for a Palestinian homeland, exactly what the various concepts are — whether it should be an independent state or part of another one — and therefore we are in a better position to make an intelligent decision as to what is the most reasonable solution. The Israeli concept, as it has been explained to us, does appear to be very reasonable" — although Esquivel stopped short of committing Belize to support that position.

He also was quick to point out the flaws in an analogy I tried to draw between Israel and Belize: hostile neighbors with designs on our territories, small cultural islands in vast oceans of other languages and civilizations, diverse populations of our own, a common heritage of parliamentary democracy from the days of British rule. Esquivel gladly acknowledged especially the latter parallel, though Israel's 30-year British period hardly compare with Belize's 350. But he tended to stress the differences, rather than the similarities, in other respects.

Earlier he had noted that, as a small country, Belize could hardly have global policies distinct from its own direct interests. Israeli sources, asked to sum up Belize's voting record at the UN, said, "Well, they aren't part of the automatic anti-Israel vote."

Perhaps, by maintaining a friendly neutrality, Belize can in her small but proud way reciprocate for the Israeli peacemaking effort that was begun over a luncheon table in Jerusalem.

Blitzer bound for Jordan, bumped and bumped again

WASHINGTON —

In scenes taken right out of a Bob Hope-Bing Crosby road movie, Wolf Blitzer, Washington corespondent for The Jerusalem Post and syndicated columnist, was unceremoniously bumped, un-bumped and then re-bumped from the press entourage that traveled with U.S. Vice-President George Bush during his recent 10-day swing through the Middle East.

Blitzer, a regular contributor to The CJN, was originally told by Bush's staff that he would be accompanying the vice-president to Israel, Egypt and Jordan, only to be told at the last minute that he would be "unwelcome" in Amman purportedly because his employer is the Post.

It's a tangled scenario of frantic telephone calls and last-minute about-faces but the bottom line is that Blitzer, one of the most respected Jewish journalists in the business and an American citizen, was denied entry into Jordan because of who and what he represents.

And the whole sordid episode does not reflect well on Bush's staff, whose boss could very well be President by 1988.

According to Blitzer, it was Bush's press people who bumped him from the contingent because they feared a diplomatic flap could arise out of his status as a writer for an Israeli paper, thus upstaging the VP on an important pre-election foreign mission.

It began when Bush's press staff invited Blitzer along for the trip to the Mideast, where the vice-president, among other things, attempted to continue the peace momentum. To many observers, the trip marked Bush's presidential campaign kickoff.

Not only was Blitzer invited but, he says, he received a visa from Jordan's ambassador to Washington, Mohammad Kamal, "on instructions" from Amman. The condition for his receiving the visa was that he would not publicly announce at any of Bush's press conferences that he represented The Jerusalem Post. Rather, he was to be deliberately vague, saying he was a syndicated columnist. It was a subtle diplomatic nicety, but one which apparently made Bush's staff nervous. In a trip earlier this year by Ronald Reagan to Bali, two Australian journalists were thrown off the tour for writing disparaging articles about the Indonesian president. The incident upstaged the President's visit and Bush's people didn't want a repeat for their boss.

Blitzer, thinking the Jordanians would be eager to convey their message to Jewish audiences, was not prepared for the sudden about-face. Hours before he was to board a plane from Washington to New York and on to Amman, he received a call from the Post's editor, Ari Rath, who in turn had spoken to Craig Fuller, Bush's chief of staff. Fuller's message was that officials in Amman had changed their minds; Blitzer, they said, was unwelcome in Jordan and that if he came, he would be detained and placed on the next plane to the U.S. Fuller's information came from the U.S. ambassador in Amman. The reason given was that Blitzer worked for the Post.

What followed was a flurry of phone calls between Blitzer, the State department, the White House and the Royal Palace in Amman. For a brief while, it was understood the reporter would be allowed to join Bush in Jordan after all, based on conversations the Jordanian ambassador to Washington had with the press spokesman in the Royal Palace. But finally, a call from Stephen Hart, assistant press secretary to the vice-president, bumped Blitzer again, this time for good, based on information provided by the U.S. embassy in the Jordanian capital.

Ironically, it was Bush's people who originally invited Blitzer. In their effort to win Bush the support of the American Jewish community, says Blitzer, they thought it would be a good idea to have some extensive coverage in the Post, whose international edition is read widely in the U.S.

— R.C.

According to ads and stories

New man sports old mentality

By
ELAINE KAHN

Browsing in a book store en route to power-lunching with a woman I'd met networking one night — puzzling over scenarios of career-pathing to run past over our rotini — the June cover of Esquire Magazine caught my eye.

First, because Bogie was on it. Second, because the issue was a retrospective, in pictures and short non-strenuous articles, on the American male over the last 40 years.

Figuring there might be something about men I don't know. I walked out the door with a copy, decorously hidden inside the most recent edition of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*. A short prison term for thievery followed, but I won't bore you with the details.

If the emphases in Esquire are to be believed, then men for the past 40 years have been most interested in sports, sex and fashion — in that order of decreasing importance. This explains the popularity of John F. Kennedy, but not Lee Iaccoca.

Politics, religion and any form of culture other than Sinatra, Hemingway, cowboys and movie heroes do not figure in the picture. Children are a blip on the screen, divorce gets more attention than marriage (which gets one item, following the one item on homosexuality), there is little on friendship or family ties. In 1946, the cocker spaniel was the American man's favorite dog. In 1986, it is again, after two decades of poodle dominance. The Pentagon is studying the implications.

Where, then, is the new man we hear so much about?

He's in the ads. The editorial portion of this issue may feature Norman Mailer and an article on guns as a necessary rite de passage, but the advertisers have a different image of the person reading and this image Guccis and Puccis and smells good for smoochies.

There is a perfume strip on one of the pages — poor Duke Wayne, they slew him well — and a plethora of ads for skin care products to keep men's faces scruffed, buffed and polished to the smoothness of the proverbial infant's netherend. There are ads for cameras, cars, watches and tennis equipment — and for the alltime macho favorite, Kahlua and milk.

And I just adored the ad for a new line of pastel greeting cards. One of them reads: "Can I have an appointment to talk to you . . . please" and the ad caption is, "How to tell your wife her job's not the only thing she has to work at." Funny how women have gotten that same message across for years merely by shouting, "Harry, it's your turn to carpool."

New man meet old mentality. The whole magazine is pervaded by a sense of "if only Ozzie and Harriet could be my mommy and daddy again, life would be keen."

I have trouble empathizing, only in part because my own parents are more like Desi and Lucy. I don't want to believe that girls grow up to be women, but boys grow up to be larger boys — though it does explain why the most popular jockey shorts this season feature Garfield the Cat. I want to believe we just are all **people.**

Tickets for the Pollyanna Society dinner in my honor can be ordered from my mother til next Shabbes.

Opinion

Book of Abraham follows a family's 80 generations

Halter's massive novel encompasses 2,000 years

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

It was a publishing sensation in Western Europe and now it is a bestseller in North America. *The Book of Abraham (Fitzhenry & Whiteside)*, the massive novel by Marek Halter tracing the trials and tribulations of a Jewish family through 2,000 years, provides a panoramic vista of Jewish history from the Roman conquest of Jerusalem to the sacking of the Warsaw ghetto.

Halter, a well-known French novelist, political and human rights activist and painter, spent six years researching and writing what is probably the piece de resistance of his writing career.

"I was a kind of a detective, like Hercule Poirot in an Agatha Christie mystery novel," he said the other day in an interview.

A moderately tall, amiable, bearded man with the powerful handshake of a world-class athlete, Halter was in Toronto on the last stop of a North American promotion tour. Despite an exhausting round of interviews, he had reason to be in a chipper mood.

The Book of Abraham, which has generally generated good critical notices, has sold 100,000 hardback copies in the U.S. and Canada to date and has been on The New York Times' bestseller list for the past two months. Next year, if everything goes according to plan, there will be an American TV mini series based on his novel.

By the end of this year, The Book of Abraham will be published in Hebrew. Halter claims that Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, was so impressed by his novel, in its original French, that he personally took steps to ensure that parts of it are included on the Israeli school curriculum.

The novel's success in Western European countries like France, West Germany, Italy and Holland has been such that even Pope John Paul II had a hand in promoting it.

Last summer, when it was already clear that The Book of Abraham was no minor phenomenon, Halter was invited to lecture at the Vatican about Judaism. Afterwards, he was granted a 20-minute private audience with the Pontiff, and their conversation was in Polish. Halter, a Polish Jew by birth, said the Pope described anti-semitism as an historical evil and hinted that Vatican recognition of Israel would come within two years. At a press conference after their talk, John Paul praised The Book of Abraham, which he had read with interest, and Halter couldn't have been more pleased.

Author Marek Halter meets the Pope.

Abraham,

a scribe,

flees conquerers,

Roman army

A mixture of fact and fancy, The Book of Abraham is a personalized account of the Jewish people as seen through the varied experiences of 80 generations of a family. Halter begins the novel in Jerusalem in 70 AD, when a scribe named Abraham flees a conquering Roman army. He follows the dynasty of scribes from Jerusalem to Egypt, from Rome to Carthage, from Spain to France, and on to Holland, Germany, Italy, Russia and Poland.

Halter links this fictitional family to his own, a line of printers, in the 15th century. Gabriel, one of his forefathers, worked with Gutenberg, the inventer of moveable type. Berl, another ancestor, printed *L'Ami du Peuple*, a noted manifesto of the French revolution. Meir-Ikhiel, his great-grandfather, printed tracts in Yiddish urging Jewish and non-Jewish workers to rebel against the Russian czar. Abraham, Halter's grandfather, was a printer who died in the Warsaw ghetto.

Salomon, his father, was a printer as well. And Perl, his mother, was a Yiddish poet. Marek Halter was born in Warsaw, in 1936, and as a boy he was a natural storyteller, being able to recount the famous classics of Hugo, Dumas and Gogol.

In the winter of 1942, less than a year before the Nazis liquidated the ghetto, Salomon Halter had two of his Polish Catholic friends, fellow trade unionists, spirit his pregnant wife and 6-year-old son out of Warsaw. They made their way through Warsaw's sewer system, and Salomon joined them on the outskirts of the city. Their destination was London, the seat of the Polish-government-in-exile. But, as a result of an accident, they headed east, into the Ukraine, and then to Uzbekistan, in Soviet Central Asia, where they remained until the end of World War II.

In 1946, they returned to Warsaw, hoping to rebuild their shattered lives. Salomon Halter resumed his work as a printer, putting out the first Yiddish newspaper in the Polish capital since 1939.

But they did not stay in Poland for long. The Jewish community had been decimated by the Nazis, and the Halters did not "want to live in a graveyard." And, Halter elaborated, they were repelled by the manifestations of Polish anti-semitism.

Marek Halter had become active in a left-wing Zionist organization and intended to immigrate to Israel. If he hadn't fallen victim to a serious case of pneumonia, he said, he would have boarded the famous refugee ship, the Exodus. As it happens, the family, through the intercession of a close relative, went to Paris.

When he was 15, Marek Halter began to study pantomime with Marcel Marceau. At 17, he switched to painting, studying at the Ecole Nationale des Beaux-Arts. Halter, who has made a good living as an artist, has exhibited his paintings and drawings in Paris, New York, Tel Aviv and Buenos Aires. He was an artist-in-residence at Harvard University in 1973-74.

Halter's career as a political activist goes back to 1967, when, in the wake of the Six Day War, he founded what he claims was the first international committee to advocate a negotiated peace settlement in the Middle East. Members of the committee included former French premier Pierre Mendes-France, the French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre, the German novelist Gunter Grass, the American writers Elie Wiesel and Saul Bellow and the British novelists Iris Murdoch and C.P. Snow.

As chairman of the committee, Halter made several trips to Cairo, Beirut and Jerusalem in an effort to try to persuade the leaders of the Middle East to meet each other and open a dialogue. He met people like Golda Meir, David Ben-Gurion, Shimon Peres, Gamal Abdel Nasser, Anwar Sadat and Yasser Arafat, advocating a settlement that recognized the national rights of Israelis and Palestinians.

Nasser impressed him. "He exuded charisma, and with him maybe it would have been possible to make peace. Maybe he died too soon." Halter was not taken by Arafat. "He is not intelligent, lacks courage and has no world view." In a reference to Arafat, he repeated an old Yiddish aphorism: "It is better to lose to an intelligent man than to win with a fool."

By the time Halter got involved in the Middle East, he was already a published novelist. *Mai* was about the 1968 Paris student uprising, and *Argentina, Argentina* was autobiographical, based on his experiences in that South American country.

His third book, *The Jester and the Kings*, described his sojurns to the Middle East. A bestseller, it won the prestigious Prix Aujour'hui, and established him as a commercially serious writer.

The death of his father and mother spurred him to write The Book of Abraham, which appeared originally in 1983. "My parents wanted to share their past with me, but I was always too busy with my own dreams and struggles. I felt guilty for not having listened to their stories."

To honor them, and the European Yiddish civilization from which they sprang, Halter resolved to write a novel that would commemorate his family against the dramatic backdrop of Jewish history.

In writing The Book of Abraham, his hardest task was to faithfully reconstruct the daily, mundane lives of his pantheon of characters. "In Jewish history, we are familiar with dramatic events, but not with the lives of ordinary, toiling Jews."

Consulted

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Halter said he overcame this problem by consulting ancient manuscripts and probing the minds of historians.

It had been his intention to visit all the locales in the novel. "But I soon realized this was a stupid idea," he said. He came to this realization particularly after trying to find the Polish village of Sampolna, which, he discovered, no longer even existed.

Buoyed by the reception The Book of Abraham has received, Halter plans to write a sequel. "The question I will pose is this: what happened to the Jewish survivors of the Holocaust?"

Since the publication of The Book of Abraham, Halter has achieved fame in yet another arena: the battle against racism in France.

Several years ago, concerned by the bombing of a Paris synagogue and the tide of anti-Arab racism, he helped found S.O.S. Racisme, which has developed into a group with nearly 2 million members.

Halter, who considers himself its "godfather," said that anti-Arab feelings in France run much deeper than anti-Jewish sentiments. "Slowly, slowly, the French have discovered that Jews are part of the French nation, not immigrants."

He does not regard Jean Marie Le Pen, the extreme right-wing politician, a threat to the Jewish community, the fourth largest in the world. In the recent French election, Le Pen's National Front Party won 35 seats in the 577-seat National Assembly on the strength of an anti-immigrant platform.

Halter, though regretting the fact that Le Pen and his followers swept into the National Assembly, does not believe that the National Front, with less than 10% of the vote, is a dangerous organization. "I'm not happy Le Pen is in parliament, but this is the price we pay to keep democracy alive in France."

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Excerpts

As usual, Abraham the scribe woke up all at once and lay still on his bed with his eyes wide open, waiting for daylight. In Jerusalem, dawn was a promise that filled the heart. Each morning Abraham vaguely looked to it for a sign that the things of heaven and earth were in order.

It always began with a powerful stirring in the night that hung over the wilderness east of the city. The stars suddenly dimmed, and then everything happened rapidly. Light rose like an incoming tide, wave after wave, laying down deposits of delicate colors and the glitter of quartz, setting ablaze the ocher of the ramparts, the silvery blue of olive trees, the white of terraces. Donkeys brayed, roosters crowed, and flies gathered in the shadows of houses, while in the courtyard of the Temple 20 Levites opened the Nicanor Gate, turning its two heavy bronze sections on their enormous hinges until they struck the wall with a booming sound that reverberated through the city a long time. Only then did Abraham the scribe get up, happy as if he had just prayed . . .

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Several years after the family had come to Constantinople, Dona Gracia Mendes, a great lady of the city, invited Abbahu and Rabbi Joseph to her house. But since Abbahu still preferred to live in seclusion, he asked his son, who was now 25, to go in his place. Abraham was glad to oblige him.

Dona Gracia was a Marrano who had recently arrived in Constantinople. Spanish by birth, she had married a Portuguese who headed a banking establishment with headquarters in Antwerp and a large enterprise that dealt in precious stones. After her husband's death she left Lisbon and went to Antwerp, where she set up an organization to oppose the activities of the Inquisition and help Marranos escape from Portugal. When her brother-in-law Diogo died, the family fortune was partially confiscated, but she was able to leave Antwerp surreptitiously and go to Venice. There, her sister Reyna denounced her for secretly practicing the Jewish religion. She then went to Ferrara, continued helping Portuguese Marranos to escape, and openly returned to Judaism . . .

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In January 1939, Perl invited her family and friends to a party for Meir-Ikhiel's third birthday. Dancing went on till about three in the morning, when Leibele Hechtman arrived with an unshaven man wearing a knapsack, a German refugee whom he could not take in because his apartment was being watched by police.

The festive atmosphere abruptly vanished. Perl turned off the music. The few people who were still there surrounded the refugee and bombarded him with questions. His name was Hugo and he had just come from Berlin. He spoke Yiddish with a strong German accent.

"The Nazis will soon be in Warsaw," he said quietly. "You must get ready either to resist or to leave. There's not much time left."

The others listened to him attentively but remained skeptical. It would not be in Hitler's interest to invade Poland, since the agreement signed in Munich called for France and Britain to fight on Poland's side if war broke out. As for the situation of the Jews in Germany, Hugo was perhaps exaggerating. The persecutions they had suffered were more reminiscent of czarist pogroms than of the Spanish Inquisition, and Jews were used to pogroms. No, the Polish Jews did not feel threatened in the near future. They all agreed on one thing, however: it was urgent to collect money and food for the Jews in Germany . . .

Opinion

Concerts mean Yiddish alive and well

By
J. B. SALSBERG

A hearty "Sholem Aleichem" and an enthusiastic "glad to see you again" after the holiday to all of you, the cream of the crop of this renowned newspaper's readership.

I hope that you enjoyed your summer holiday. As for me the truth is that I did and I didn't. (Typically Jewish, no?)

J.B. Salsberg

I did enjoy this year's open air Yiddish concert in Metro Toronto; it was the biggest ever — the largest Jewish cultural event of the year. More than 4,000 of our people (kein ayin horeh), young and not so young, transformed many green acres of Earl Bales Park into a thrilling, human garden of flowers.

On the other hand, I couldn't quite join in the popular merriment that the Royal Wedding in London aroused during our vacation. To tell the truth, I was envious of the British for their extravaganza. I was tortured by a pestering question why Israel couldn't stage such a Royal wedding in Jerusalem. Why, why, why? Why indeed — since I proposed a democratic Israeli monarchy a few years ago and I did so in this paper of ours. (Why don't they listen to me? Why?)

But, let's leave the matter of a Royal House of Israel for another day and let's enjoy the sights, the sound of the open air Yiddish concert and, yes, let's also meditate about the place of Yiddish in the multilingual culture, past and present, of the worldwide Jewish community.

As for this year's concert: It has, by now, become the major Jewish cultural event of the year. It is always well attended but it set a new record this year. The weather was ideal, the master of ceremonies, Aaron Feiner, performed his task expertly and the dedicated, gifted and beloved Cantor Louis Danto tied the musical program together to everyone's delight.

True, that Greater Toronto is now home for the largest Jewish settlement in the country. True, also, that the City of North York (with its Jewish mayor, Mel Lastman), geographically a unit of Metro Toronto, boasts of having the largest Jewish entity of any Canadian municipality and that is why the Yiddish summer concerts take place in that city's magnificent Earl Bales Park.

But Montreal's annual open air Yiddish concerts are also major events in that city's rich Jewish cultural activities. Winnipeg, too, arranges such programs on a large scale.

But what basically contributes to the success of these massive Yiddish cultural events is: (1) The fact that Yiddish, contrary to all evil soothsayers, is still very much alive, pulsating, creative and satisfying the cultural needs of a vast sector of Jewish society around the world; (2) That Canadian Jewish Congress did, indeed, set an example by extending its all-inclusive community umbrella to the rich and universally recognized Yiddish cultural domain. And (3) That the "middle generation" and even those behind them, have begun to enter the CJC Yiddish activities through their distinctly organized bodies.

Yiddish concert at Earl Bales Park drew more than 4,000. [Isaak Brockstein photo]

Having all that in mind it is, at least, puzzling to learn that some poorly informed people in the national hierarchy of Congress have begun to speculate about an "innovation" that would seek to force the "world of Yiddish" into some kind of "multicultural compressor." It is a wild idea!

- Yiddish, as the last Toronto and Montreal open air concerts have demonstrated, is deeply rooted among the masses of our people. Furthermore, Yiddish is attracting the younger generation as well. Indeed, there are hundreds of children in many Orthodox day schools in our midst who speak Yiddish with a naturalness that is amazing. Yiddish is, of course, also taught in many other types of day schools.
- Yiddish has now entered the official government schools of Israel and the Yiddish departments of many Israeli universities, especially Bar-Ilan, are growing and expanding.
- Yiddish literature of the highest quality continues to be created in Israel, in the U.S., in Canada, in France, in Australia, in South America and elsewhere. (Nor has it been stopped in the USSR.) I. A. Singer has won the Nobel Prize for his Yiddish literary works.
- Yiddish is being taught in some 50 universities around the world, including Oxford, the Sorbonne, and Columbia. There are some 70 Yiddish periodicals (dailies, weeklies, monthlies etc.) published regularly around the world.

So, my friends, Yiddish is too big for anyone to try to force it into a chopsuey pressure cooker. Let that fantastic idea fade away!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which mu bear the sender's address, phone number a id handwritten signature.

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HE BOILS DOWN CONTROVERSY

The controversy between the religious and secular Jews of Israel boils down to this:

Either you believe in God and follow the Commandments or you don't, and are subject to the laws of the land . . . and sometimes your conscience.

Leonard Smith
Toronto

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HE WEEPS OVER CONTROVERSY

I am dismayed by Rabbi Moses Burak's July 17 column.

In an Israel-can-do-no-wrong twisting of phrases, the rabbi suggested that the undercover summary execution of two Arab terrorists was justified.

Rabbi, most Jews (and other civilized people for that matter) would agree that terrorists should feel the strongest blows of justice.

But to suggest that "Israelis should cease weeping for the imagined wrong done to two terrorists" misses the point. Weep they should, if their police stoop to measures that we abhor in countries like Chile and Poland.

Judaism stands for more than the narrow interpretation of obscure tractates.

It *brought* justice to the world. I don't cry for terrorists . . . and in fact am secretly grateful whenever one dies . . . but I *do* weep for the demise of justice in our society.

If Jews cannot resolve such problems with moral strength, then who is left?

Certainly, let us deal with terrorists in the harshest terms. But let our actions be to the world a showcase of strength *with* justice.

David Friendly
Toronto

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CROSSES WITH CHRIST NEXT?

Re your July 17 report from Jerusalem headed "Knesset denounces 'convert' label":

It states that the Knesset reacted with almost unanimous revulsion to the proposal by the Orthodox-controlled interior ministry to print the word "convert" next to the designation "Jewish" on the identity cards of immigrants to Israel who have undergone conversion abroad.

What's next? Crosses with Jesus Christ hung on crucifixes for all Protestants and Catholics?

Have these people forgotten the Holocaust so quickly?

This is a grim reminder of what the Nazis did to Jews, political prisoners, homosexuals, in Germany and in many concentration camps. Surely, we as Jews should be above that.

The Knesset is to be applauded for denouncing this procedure. It's too bad the Orthodox (of whom I was once a member) can't find more worthwhile causes other than this discrimination.

Paula Feigelsohn
Toronto

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DIVA NELLY IS A BEAUTY!

Re Frank Rasky's recent opera review headed "Tragic love story hits high notes with audiences" and subheaded "La Traviata a Verdi masterpiece":

His review was accurate and so well-written. We share the same sentiments about the music and performance we saw at the O'Keefe Centre.

However, two words in the middle of his review were uncalled for. Was it necessary for Mr. Rasky to write that the great Romanian soprano, Nelly Miricioiu, is *no beauty*.

By whose standards was this stated? The American Beauty Pageant?

I ask, Mr. Rasky, would he likewise mention in a review the looks and physical attributes of Pavorotti?

I hope not.

I say simply: Viva Nelly!

Joy Schreiber
Toronto

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LAW IS "A" ASS, NOT "AN"

"Notwithstanding Shakespeare's comment, 'the law is an ass,' . . ."

That's how a Jerusalem correspondent opens his June 19 article on the resignation of Israel's attorney-general over the issue of investigating Shin Bet, the Israeli internal security service.

So egregious a pair of errors must not stand uncorrected.

Charles Dickens it was (Oliver Twist) who wrote: "If the law supposes that," said Mr. Bumble, "the law is a (sic) ass, a (sic) idiot."

Mr. Bumble, by the way, was commenting on the suggestion that the law presumes that a wife will act according to her husband's direction!

For an example of William Shakespeare's thoughts on legal issues, consider some lines from the one play he set in Vienna, a city which, both in the play and today, is the scene of happenings with great bearing on the rule of law.

Angelo, the Lord Deputy, speaks:

"We must not make a scarecrow of the law,
Setting it up to fear the birds of prey,
And let it keep one shape, till custom make it
Their perch and not their terror."

Donald MacSween
Ottawa

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KISS OFF TO VIENNA PROF.

Enclosed you will find a portion from the memories of Rudolf Schildkraut, the father of Joseph Schildkraut, who portrayed Otto Frank in the film *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Reader's fond memories are aroused as Herman Ladovsky (right) hands over to his son Philip the family tradition of operating the much-beloved United Bakers Dairy Restaurant at its new location in north Toronto's Lawrence Plaza.

Rudolph Schildkraut received a message from the director-general of the Imperial Burg Theater in Vienna, Prof. Doctor Paul Schlouther, as follows:

"I offer you a five year contract at the Burg Theatre as leading character actor for the same salary arrangements you have in your present position. Leading character parts in classical are guaranteed if and when those plays will be produced.

"The only condition is that you must be prepared to undergo Catholic or Protestant conversion. Please respond."

The maid entered and told Mr. Schildkraut that the messenger would like to know if there is an answer. Schildkraut took a piece of paper and a pencil and wrote the following:

"To the excellency director-general of the Imperial Burg Theatre, Vienna, Prof. Doctor Paul Schlouther: Kiss my ass. Rudolph Schildkraut."

And he left that same night for the United States of America.

Gustav Schildkraut
Toronto

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KUDOS TO DODICK

The Israel Cancer Research Fund is most grateful to Mark Dodick for the excellent July 17 article regarding the reception held in honor of visiting Israeli scientists on July 8. An extra plus was that a picture appeared along with the article.

Thank you for your support in a very good cause.

Pearl Greenbaum
Toronto

BLINTZ & LATKE NOSTALGIA

Re Paul Lungen's nostalgic July 24 story about United Bakers Dairy Restaurant serving its last blintz and latke at its 66-year-old location on Spadina at Dundas in the heart of what once was Jewish Toronto:

Memories abounded when I read his story of how Herman Ladovsky, at 73, is passing on the torch to his son Philip who is continuing the family's tradition in the restaurant's new location at the northern Lawrence Plaza.

Although I spent only 10 years at my father's office at Spadina and Dundas, he was indeed a fixture at Ladovsky's almost every weekday, at virtually the same table and chair for 52 years.

As we all know, time inevitably brings about change, but what we remember remains . . .

Judge Marvin A. Zuker
Toronto

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HOLOCAUST DENIAL BOOKS

In connection with the July 3 article, "Holocaust denial literature, dilemma to libraries."

I would like to point out that the Montreal Jewish Public Library's bibliography on the Holocaust may have listed Rassinier alongside Martin Gilbert and Lucy Dawidowicz, but the book itself is shelved with other Holocaust denial literature in a specific closed-stacks area, accessible to patrons by special permission only.

In the public card cataogue, Holocaust denial literature is found under the subject: "Holocaust — Controversial works."

Naomi Caruso
Montreal

World-National

Bush expresses optimism after Mideast trip

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However, Bush added that there were domestic problems in Israel which he saw when he met with the Knesset foreign affairs and security committee and witnessed the differences between Labor and Likud. He did not elaborate.

Bush said the statement of common goals, which he read before leaving Cairo, was first brought up in Jordan and then agreed to by Israel and Egypt after negotiating changes. Peres, King Hussein of Jordan and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak all agreed to the five points listed.

- The first goal endorsed by Peres, and Hussein is that "a just and lasting peace is essential, urgent and can only be reached through negotiations."
- Bush said the second goal is that "negotiations should produce peace treaties between the parties based on the recognition of the right of all states and peoples in the region to a life of peace and security."
- The third goal said that "negotiations must take into account the security needs of Israel, the security needs of all other states in the region and the aspirations of the Palestinian people."
- Negotiations to resolve the Palestinian problem within "the context of a relationship between Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza" was the fourth goal.
- Bush said the fifth point is that the U.S. believes "in the importance of face-to-face negotiations. We recognize that direct negotiations may involve the framework of an international conference or forum structured in such a way that permits progress and not paralysis, agreement, not dictates."

Bush conceded that none of the principles were new. But, "the fact that you get three Middle Eastern leaders agreeing on significant points regarding the Middle East peace process is more than useful, it's quite good," he said.

The vice-president said he was also encouraged by his talks with Hussein, who he said "wants to see a solution. I feel it more now."

He said Hussein was "discouraged" by the U.S. failure to go through with a promised arms deal. Bush indicated that his reception was warmer in Jordan than it might have been six months ago when Congress blocked the sale.

Bush said it was a "good thing" for Hussein to see Peres' visit to Morocco and see that "the sky did not fall" in the Arab world.

The Arab reaction "was not all that negative, except for (Syrian President) Hafez Assad," Bush said. "Before the landing gear was fully underneath the Prime Minister's plane, he dumped all over the meeting. But he was alone."

However, Bush stressed that Hussein still feels he needs Palestinian participation and an "international umbrella" in order to begin negotiations.

Bush said the U.S. supports providing this "not as a substitute for direct negotiations" but as a "catalyst" to get talks going.

In this Bush said the U.S. would support Hussein's requirement that the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council be included. He denied that this was in variance with the Reagan administration policy to keep the Soviet Union out of the Mideast peace process.

"We would be very wary of the Soviets having a major role," he added.

The vice-president was less optimistic about the Palestinians with whom he met in Jerusalem. He said some still continue to support Palestine Liberation Orgainzation leader Yasser Arafat while others agree with Hussein that Arafat was responsible for the failure of Hussein's efforts to get a joint Palestinian - Jordanian delegation for negotiations with Israel.

He said he could not get a good "reading" of the Palestinians since they argued with each other as well as with the Americans.

He said the only "disappointment" of his trip was that the dispute over Taba was not settled. He said while the Taba dispute had not been a goal of his visit, he believes his visit to Israel and Egypt may have moved it closer to settlement.

Bush conceded that he could have the same problem in his presidential campaign that President Reagan had with Jewish voters over his support of issues backed by the Christian Right.

"I would like to end up in the same position the President ends up in terms of support for Israel," he added. He said that Israeli leaders, including Peres and Shamir, "say they have never had a better friend in the White House."

Asked about Jerusalem, Bush said he would "encourage negotiations that will resolve the issue." But, he quickly added, "I, for one, don't want to see Jerusalem divided."

In an earlier statement in Cairo, Bush said he feels peace will come to Mideast within 10 years.

Although many Mideast experts regarded Bush's trip as little more than a refinement of previously stated policies, the vice-president said his framework "creates a basis on which peace negotiations can move forward."

In a statement, the state department said Bush's trip did not reflect any change in U.S. policy in the region but rather demonstrated that progress is being made.

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In the meantime, Jordan's King Hussein and Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak met last week in Alexandria, Egypt, for talks on reviving the stalled peace process.

Mubarak embraced the Jordanian monarch on his arrival, which was marked with brass bands, flowers and an honor guard. The two leaders then closeted themselves without aides at the beachfront Ras El-Tin Palace and held more talks over a lunch banquet.

The Mubarak-Hussein meeting was their first since last month's summit between Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Morocco's King Hasan. Egypt declared backing for the summit but the Jordanian reaction was muted.

Jordan, which joined the majority of Arab states in breaking off relations with Egypt in 1979 to protest its peace treaty with Israel, restored relations in September 1984. Since then, Mubarak and Hussein have met repeatedly for policy coordination.

To revive peace efforts, Egypt has been urging Hussein and the PLO to agree on a compromise formula, balancing acceptance of Resolution 242 with the Palestinians' demand for self-determination.

Edmonton forms Wallenberg group

EDMONTON —

The Canadian Raoul Wallenberg Committee, a national body aimed at coordinating the Canadian campaign to release Wallenberg from a Soviet prison was recently established on the former diplomat's 74th birthday.

The purposes of the Canadian Raoul Wallenberg Committee will also be to seek essential information, research all available material, publicize its findings, produce educational material, encourage local groups and chapters in meaningful projects, submit findings and recommendations to the federal government and, ultimately, to secure the freedom of Wallenberg, the first honorary citizen of Canada.

For futher information write to The Canadian Raoul Wallenberg Committee, PO Box 8040 Stn. F, Edmonton, T6H 4N7.

Probe peace role

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Israel's point of view, Israeli subjects.

The U.S. state department, meantime, has made it clear that if the Soviet Union resumes consular relations with Israel, it will not automatically remove the Reagan administration's objections to Soviet participation in Mideast peace talks.

However, the state department, in a statement, said the U.S. position has been that restoring relations with Israel is one of the "kind of things" the Soviet Union could do if it wanted "to show it is willing to play a responsible role" in the Mideast.

Also scheduled to be on the Helsinki agenda are talks on Soviet church property in Israel. The Russian Orthodox Church in Israel is divided into two factions, with both the anti-Soviet "white church" and the pro-Soviet "red church" owning property in Jerusalem, Jaffa and elsewhere. Israel has recognized the red church's claims in disputes and the Soviets are seeking a voice in these cases.

Israel's most popular Soviet Jew, Anatoly Scharansky, has seemed distinctly cool to the Soviet diplomatic overtures.

In Jerusalem, Scharansky urged Israel to make any official relations conditional upon tangible improvements in the condition of Soviet Jews.

Scharansky spoke out toughly, despite the good news last week that his mother, Ida Milgrom and his brother Leonid, will be allowed to join him in Israel soon.

Youth Games get under way

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ball champions, and Montreal and Windsor will also participate.

Soccer is the next most popular sport, with 26 teams entered including those from Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg and Montreal. The Toronto soccer team excites Tweyman, who says they've been working very hard preparing for the Games. It's a real "polyglot team" with boys (originally) from the Soviet Union, Israel, South Africa, Poland, the U.S. and even Canada rounding out the squad.

The track and field competition will be held at York University, as will gymnastics and swimming. Tennis is scheduled for the National Tennis Centre at York University, softball is at Wilmington and Clanton Parks. Soccer will be played in parks at Bathurst and Finch, sailing is at the Island Yacht Club and racquetball, squash and table tennis will be held at the Northern JCC, 4588 Bathurst St.

Basketball and volleyball will be held at a number of North York high schools.

For more information about the games and scheduling, call 924-6211 or 636-1880. Admission to all events, including the opening ceremonies, is free.

Maccabi organizers are still calling on families to billet out of town athletes. If interested, call 636-1880.

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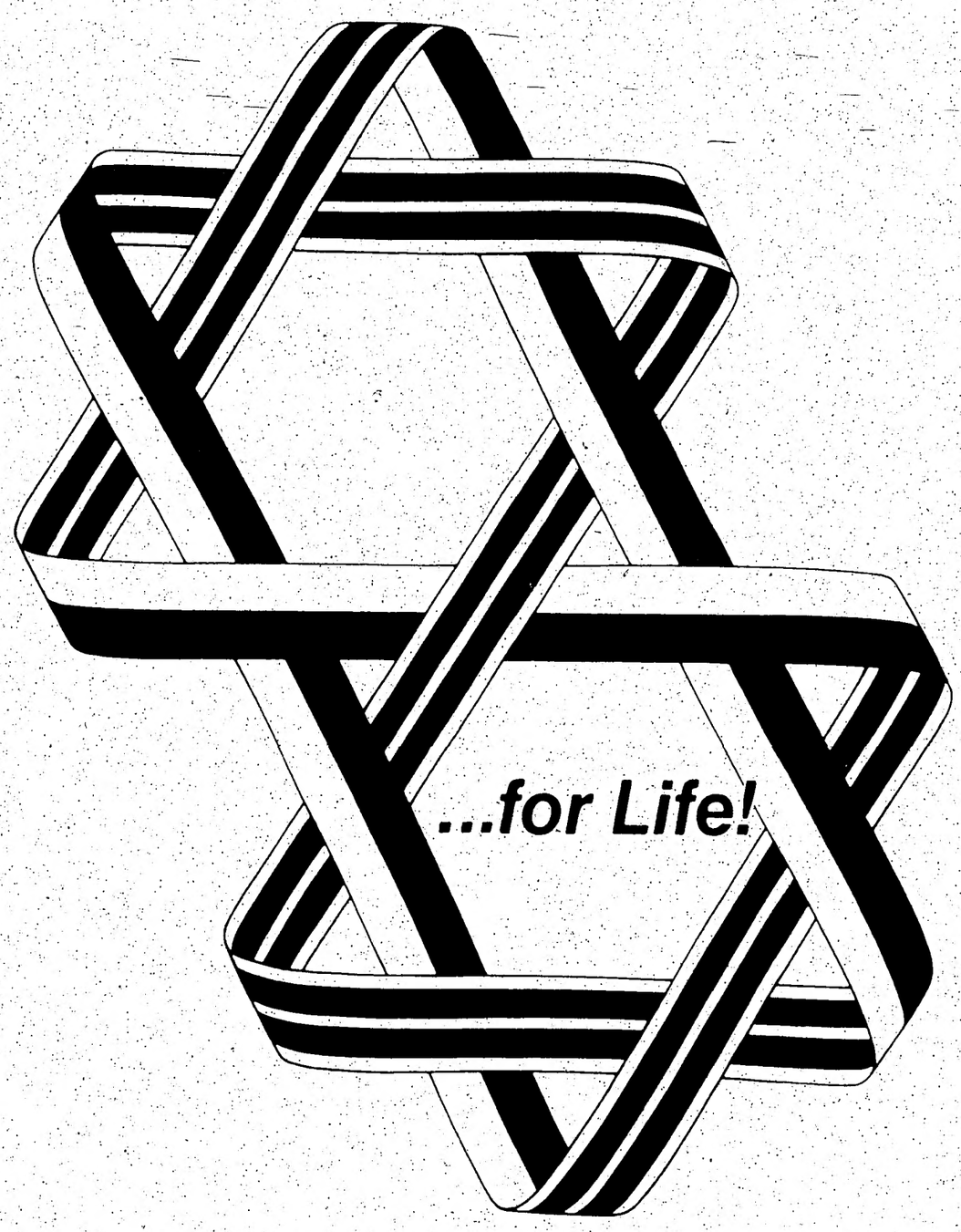

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DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder — The deadline for the What's New and About People columns is 5 p.m. Monday, a week prior to the issue date (i.e. deadline for Aug. 28 issue is Monday, Aug. 18). I will be at my desk on Mondays to receive your calls.

When Monday is a holiday, the deadline will be moved back to the previous Friday.

Thursday, Aug. 14

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS

A meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 14, for families who would like foster grandparents for their children and for people who would like to be foster grandparents. The time is 7.30 p.m. at the Lodzer Centre Congregation, 12 Heaton St., Downsview.

For further information, call 889-1502.

Saturday, Aug. 16

KING DAVID CONGREGATION

King David Congregation will be holding traditional Shabbat services on Saturday, Aug. 16, at 9.30 a.m. at Pine Villa, 1035 Eglinton Ave. W. (please note change of location).

Rabbi Meir Gottesman will conduct the services which will be followed by a kiddush. Children are welcome.

For information, call 782-7075.

Sunday, Aug. 17

POOL PARTY

Club Dafna, Na'amat Pioneer Women, invites single women (ages 25-35) to attend the second annual pool party on Sunday, Aug. 17.

If you are interested in an enjoyable afternoon, be sure to join in the fun. Call **Sharon** at 653-9890 for details.

Monday, Aug. 18

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Willowdale presents Breastfeeding and Beyond, the last of a series of four monthly meetings, on Monday, Aug. 18, at 8.15 p.m. at 24 Jessica Gardens, Thornhill (east of Bathurst, north of Clark).

Discussion will focus on starting solids, discipline, returning to work, and other issues. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information about and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

For more information or breastfeeding help, phone **Elaine** at 663-8003 or **Ruth** at 736-1758.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

INVESTMENT TAX PLANNING

McLeod Young Weir invites you to learn more about investing by attending the Intelligent Investing seminars. These are offered, free of charge, in the board room of the head office at Commercial Union Tower, 32nd floor, at York and Wellington.

The Tuesday, Aug. 19, session, Investment Tax Planning, will deal with innovative money-making ideas, easy tax-saving techniques to improve your after-tax investment results, dividend tax credit, capital gains exemption and rules that will allow you to income split.

To reserve your seat, call 863-7676 as seats are limited.

SITE INSPECTION

During a recent trip to Israel, Harold Livergant (left), Toronto Kupat Holim 1986 Man of the Year, visited the construction site of the Harold and Lynda Livergant neonatal wing at the Beersheba Hospital and also spent time touring the hospital facilities. With him is Dr. Michael Karplus, director of neonatology at the Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Outgoing president of Toronto Jewish National Fund, Sidney Bearg (left), presents the Bernard M. Bloomfield Medal to Morris B. Kaufman for his outstanding service on behalf of JNF over the past 25 years. [Graphic Artists photo]

And What Else Is New...

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BB PROGRAM FOR RETIREES

Three years ago B'nai B'rith International initiated a program called ARI — Active Retirees In Israel — in which people spend a good part of their 3-month vacation in Israel painting buildings, cleaning fields, tutoring children or feeding elderly hospital patients. More than 260 persons have taken part so far.

In addition to the volunteer work in Israeli hospitals, schools and the Jewish National Fund Forest, ARI programs include daily classes in Hebrew, Jewish culture and modern Israel, guided tours and social activities in the evenings.

ARI is open to B'nai B'rith members only who are at least 50- years-old and healthy retirees. The cost for the next trips is $2,900 U.S. per person (double occupancy) and includes airfare, rooms, meals, tours and more.

The Israel Aliyah Centre is now accepting applications for the next ARI trips, the first scheduled to begin Dec. 8, the second Jan. 7. For further information, contact the centre at 1111 Finch Ave., W., Suite 355, Downsview, Ont., M3J 2E5. The phone number is (416) 665-7772.

HEBREW LANGUAGE COURSE

The Keren Hatarbut Institute, 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for an intensive course in Hebrew language for beginners for adults and teenagers, commencing Aug. 28.

Also, Keren Hatarbut offers once-a-week courses for beginners, intermediate and advanced students starting in September.

For consultation and registration, call the executive director, **Joseph Klinger**, at 787-0197.

DO YOU HAVE A ROOM TO RENT?

Do you have a room to rent? York University's Off-Campus Housing Office finds accommodation for York students in Toronto, with special emphasis on the North York area. If you have an apartment, flat or room which you would like to rent to a student, call 736-5141, and register with the housing office. There is no charge for this service.

B'NAI SHALOM NORTH NEWS

B'nai Shalom North Congregation's High Holiday services, conducted by **Rabbi Solomon Domb**, will be held at Westminster Public School, 366 Mullen Dr., Thornhill. Tickets will be issued at the synagogue, 275 Arnold Ave., Thornhill, on Sundays 10 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays 7.30-9.30 p.m., beginning Sunday, Aug. 17.

Registration is now being accepted for B'nai Shalom Hebrew School. Curriculum includes Hebrew, Israel, prayer, Bible, bar/bat mitzvah, history, choir and music appreciation and arts and crafts. Classes are held at Westminster Public School on Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6.45 p.m.

B'nai Shalom Day Nursery for 2½-5-year-olds runs Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 275 Arnold Ave. The program, under the guidance of qualified staff, offers an introduction to Jewish holidays and customs and hot nutritious lunches and snacks. Enrolment is limited, so register now!

For more information regarding High Holiday tickets, family membership, Hebrew school and day care, call 731-2797.

EXERCISE PROGRAM VOLUNTEER

A volunteer is needed to lead an exercise program at Baycrest Terrace on Friday mornings from 10-11. Some knowledge of fitness programs for seniors is required. For more information about this and other volunteer opportunities, call **Sandra Paquette** at 789-5131, ext. 2575.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Register now for North York parks and recreation department's newest program, adult recreational volleyball.

This co-ed volleyball league will hold friendly competition games every Thursday evening from 6.30-10. Practice times will be available for two nights a week.

Join as an individual or enter your own team of 6-12 players.

The league begins Oct. 9. The cost is $45 per person for 10 weeks. Reduced rates are available for teams of more than six players.

Games will be held at Zion Heights Junior High School, 5900 Leslie St., and at Willowdale School, 225 Senlac Ave. League members will play at both locations.

For more information, call 224-6256.

SUMMER LUNCH BREAK SERIES

The Summer Lunch Break Series in the courtyard of the Manulife Centre at Bay and Bloor continues on Tuesday, Aug. 19, with steel animal sculpture by **Joshua Kalfa**; Wednesday, the 20th, with the 4-piece rock band Sundown, and Thursday, the 21st, with hand knits by **Lynn Maclachlan**.

The time is 12 noon until 2 p.m. and there is no charge.

ACT NOW!

The Leah Posluns Theatre School offers an exciting selection of part-time courses including creative drama for children; acting for teens and adults at beginner and advanced levels; musical theatre; audition technique; script writing; backstage workshops and much more. Courses are taught by theatre professionals of the highest calibre. The school is committed to first-rate theatre training.

For information, call **Rose** or **Janet** at 636-1880, ext. 230 or 271.

LITERATURE COURSES

York University professor **Elaine Newton** will be conducting four literature courses beginning this fall.

Freedom and Responsibility is a new series which explores existential philosophy and literature. It will be held weekly on Monday afternoons commencing Sept. 8.

The popular series, Freud, Jung and Literature, will be repeated again on Thursday afternoons, beginning Sept. 11.

Two current fiction series called Critic's Choice will be offered on Tuesday evenings, once a month, beginning in September and on consecutive Monday afternoons in January.

For further information, contact **Greta Gray** at 223-5452.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

The North York Public Library is running several programs for children this week.

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DONATION CERTIFICATE

Marilyn Somers (left), outgoing president of Hamilton-Burlington Women's ORT, presents Cece Schreiber with certificate for her donation of Mother to Another Scholarship at the recent annual ORT scholarship luncheon held at the Burlington homeof Cece and herb Schreiber.

Organizations and People

What's New

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At Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. (east of Don Mills Rd.), a swap shop for ages 10 and over is arranged for Thursday, Aug. 14, from 2.30-3.30 p.m. If old comic books, paperbacks, magazines and records are cluttering up your room and you would like to get others you haven't read or listened to without spending a dime, just bring yours along to the library and trade them for new ones. And when you've finished trading, enjoy a special film show. Please pre-register for this free program.

Also on Thursday, Aug. 14, at Victoria Village Library, 184 Sloane Ave., (south of Lawrence), Symphony Street brings music, laughter and learning as a professional musician tells all there is to know about one of the instruments in the orchestra and produces sounds you never thought possible. This free program is for ages 5-12.

On Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 2-3 p.m., there is a no-cooking contest at York Woods Library, 1785 Finch Ave. W. So whip up your favorite no-cook treat. Entries will be judged on originality, taste and nutrition. All contestants must provide a recipe. This program is for 7-12-year-olds and it is free.

SHAAR SHALOM HEBREW SCHOOL

Commencing this September, Shaar Shalom Hebrew School (Conservative synagogue) will be running another branch with classes at St. Luke Separate School, 160 Dudley Ave., Thornhill (Yonge and Clarke).

The school will continue with junior kindergarten through to grade 8 at the present location, Zion Heights Junior High School, 5900 Leslie St., and in addition will have classes for kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 at the Dudley Ave. location. The curriculum includes Hebrew, Bible, prayer, holidays, history, customs, Israeli folkdancing, music and bar/bat mitzvah studies.

For the coming year, an attendance option is being introduced for students entering grades 1 and 3. Grade 1 students unable to attend sessions twice weekly will have the option of attending Sunday only. Grade 3 students unable to attend sessions three times a week may attend twice weekly (Sunday and Wednesday).

For further information, contact the principal, **Joseph Klinger** at 884-9730 or 787-0197.

BRUNCH HONORS COMMUNITY

The Sgoolai Israel Synagogue in Fredericton, NB, was the scene of an extraordinary Sunday brunch recently when more than 70 people, representing over 80% of the Jewish families in the area came to honor themselves and the Jewish National Fund. The biennial event was organized by the chairman **Warren Cohen** and vice-chairman **Rhona Ruben**.

Among the head table guests were **Rabbi and Mrs. David Spiro** and **Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Levy**. Mr. Levy, Jerusalem special representative to Eastern Canada for the JNF, spoke about Israel's economy.

The program also included a screening of the audio-visual, And None Shall Make Them Afraid, the story of the JNF Galil Canada program, and a special presentation to **Mitchell Budovitch**, recipient of the Bernard M. Bloomfield Medal for devoted service and leadership as chairman of JNF in Fredericton, a position held until last year.

Also, a number of new foundations were announced. The brunch concluded with the exchange of JNF Blue Boxes.

Similar programs are being planned for Moncton and Saint John.

DOWNTOWN VOLUNTEER VISITORS

Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly has a serious problem that could be solved if four people living in downtown Toronto would accept the challenge of being a volunteer visitor.

If you care to share an hour or two each week with an elderly, lonely person who needs you, please call **Selma Taylor** at 635-2860.

99¢ BLOUSE AND JACKET SALE

The auxiliary of the North York branch of the Ontario Humane Society is having a 99¢ blouse and jacket sale at the Thrift Shop, 300 Wilson Ave. (just west of Bathurst) on Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and again on Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free refreshments will be served.

Then on Aug. 23, all clothing will be half-price at the final summer clothing sale running at the Thrift Shop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The total proceeds from these sales will be used to care for animals at the Animal Shelter in North York.

BEAUTIFY NORTH YORK AWARDS

In order to recognize the special contributions North York property owners and tenants make to improve the exterior appearance of properties and buildings, the City of North York council has established the Beautify North York Awards in the following three categories — Commerce (office buildings, retail stores, shopping centres, hotels, motels); Industry (plants, warehouses, workshops, storage yards), and Institutions (government buildings, hospitals, schools, clubs and associations).

The deadline for entries is Oct. 15. For more information, call **Larry March**, industrial development officer, City of North York department of economic development, at 224-6475.

at the jcc

Classes in both social and international style ballroom dancing are being given at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., for teens, young adults, adult beginners and more experienced dancers. Instructor is **Frank McKee**, who, at 62, can outdance many younger people and remains in great demand judging and organizing competitions. Classes begin the week of Sept. 14, so register now by calling 636-1880, ext.237.

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singles

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The JCC Valley Singles Centre, 7015 Leslie St., is presenting a tennis party and dance on Sunday, Aug. 17. Play round robin tennis at 7 p.m. followed by dancing at 9 with a deejay, refreshments, cash bar and lots of fun. Cost is $4 members, $6 non-members. Remember to bring your own tennis rackets and tennis balls if you want to play. Call **Jodi** or **Sally** at the JCC office at 889-0813.....The centre's **Singles Support Group**, which offers participants the opportunity to discuss subjects such as relationships, dating and other topics relevant to singles, meets on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley. Cost of $2 members, $3 non-members, includes refreshments.

Club Dafna, Na'amat Pioneer Women, the dynamic and fun group, invites single women (25-35) to the second annual pool party on Sunday, Aug. 17. If you are interested in an enjoyable afternoon, be sure to join in the fun. Call **Sharon** at 653-9890 for details.

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Tribute to Vancouver singles party at Rooneys, 2 Rosehill Ave., on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 8.30 p.m. Door prize is a dinner for two. Cover is $6. Also, time is running out to sign up for the Cleveland's House singles weekend. For more information, call **Sid** at 222-7111.

Join the new group, **Club Netanya**, for a mixed singles 10-pin bowling league every other Saturday at 9.30 p.m., starting Sept. 6. Register now as space is limited. Other optional events include socials. There will be two divisions — ages 20-40 and 40 plus. For further information, contact **Harvey** or **Howard** at 636-9468 between 5 and 8 p.m. or **Stan** at 638-0747 evenings or Playtime Bowl at 787-7421.

The Friendship Nook, a social group catering to men and women ages 40 plus, is presently planning its fall calendar of events. If you would like your name added to the mailing list or if you would like to learn about future programs, call 446-1394.

The Young Professional Club invites all singles and single parents to register with the club for upcoming house parties and other activities. For information, call **Sheldon** at 783-7666.

for seniors

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Association of Jewish Seniors in cooperation with Continuing Education, North York Board of Education, is offering two courses beginning in September — 20th Century Events, Lessons and Consequences with **Emanuel Goldberg** and Exploring Human Sexuality with **Morry McLeod**. Both courses run Sept. 10-Nov. 12 from 9.45-11.45 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. There is no charge for seniors 65 plus. Charge for adults 55-65 years is $20. For information about registration, call **Jennie Gilbert** at 635-2860.

The summer program of the **Bloor Jewish Community Centre Good Age Club**, 750 Spadina Ave., presents a boat tour at Harbourfront on Thursday, Aug. 14. Cost is $3 plus TTC. Bring your own lunch and meet at the centre at noon. Then on Thursday, Aug. 21, the club goes to Allen Gardens. Cost is TTC fare. Meet at 1 p.m. and bring your own lunch. For information about membership and other meetings, call **Annette Anker**, at 924-6211.

Temple Sinai Seniors meet on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 1 p.m. at the temple, 210 Wilson Ave. Guest artist will be cantorial singer **Albert Feldman**. Charge is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

Club Chaverim of the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., is presenting ongoing meetings with movies and games throughout the summer on Mondays at 1 p.m. The next meeting is Aug. 18. Cost, including refreshments, is 50¢ members, 75¢ non-members. For information, call **Sally Kerbel** at 889-0813.

The recently installed officers of **Beth Sholom Seniors** are headed by president **Max Grosberg** with vice-presidents **Eve Donsky, Irma Kosinek, Jenny Singer** and **Henry Weisburst**; secretaries **Rose Wolfman** and **Sara Green** and treasurer **Rudy Kosinek**.....This seniors group next meets on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. For information, call **Eve Donsky** at 782-1068.

A 3-day trip to Agawa Canyon to see the fall colors that includes a train ride through the canyon and a cruise of the Chi Chi Maun is being sponsored by the adult services department of the Jewish Community Centre Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Price of $277 double occupancy covers accommodation, food, transportation and more. Call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 234, for more information.

It's time to think of the High Holidays. **Upper Canada Lodge Building**, 4266 Bathurst St., has a beautiful air-conditioned chapel. The rabbi, **Chaim Weber** and the cantor, **Asher Benlolo**, will be conducting the services. All residents of the building and people in the vicinity are invited to attend. Prices are reasonable. For information, call **Leah** at 630-6897 or **Sara** at 636-4245.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program for women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets on Sunday, Aug. 17, from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Elderly Widows 70 and Over Self-Help Program is set for Monday, Aug. 18, from 1.30-3 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Self-Help Widowers Program for men over 55 was held on Wednesday, Aug. 13, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 27. For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Labor Zionist Alliance Seniors Club meets daily from noon to 4 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Members enjoy chess, shuffleboard and cards.....Members have just returned from a week's stay at the Pines Hotel in the Catskills.....At the monthly luncheon on Wednesday, Aug. 13, at 11.30 a.m., the agenda included the outlining of the plans for the winter Miami junket and the initial signing up of participants.....The Cultural Circle meets every Tuesday morning at 10. On Aug. 5 **Mrs. Levine** spoke about Jewish writers in Romania. On Aug. 12, **Israel Kopyto** spoke about the Jewish writers in the Soviet Union who were killed in 1952.....The Las Vegas trip on Sept. 7 is sold out. As a matter of fact it is oversold.

Weekly Saturday night dances are held at **Earl Bales Seniors' Place**, 4169 Bathurst St. (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). Come out and have an enjoyable evening with **Ann Soren**. The time is 8-11 p.m. Admission is free for members, $1 for non-members.

The Wagman Centre has arranged a twilight concert and a stroll in the park after the concert for Wednesday, Aug. 20, featuring musician-singer **Boris Neiman** in a repertoire of Israeli,

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TEMPLE ISRAEL BOARD

The newly elected executive and board of Temple Israel, London's first Reform congregation are, seated, from left, Mike Lander, treasurer; Karen Ross, president; Jeff Phillips, vice-president, and Judi Stoller, secretary. Standing, from left, are board members Howard Plotkin, George Burns, Howard Lampe and Michael Simmons and past-president Rael Wienberg. [Rael Wienberg photo]

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Yiddish and international songs. It all takes place on the Wagman Centre grounds (downstairs) from 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone is invited.....The summer outing on Tuesday, Aug. 19, is a boat tour at Harbourfront from 1-4 p.m. Cost is $6 members, $7 guests. If you wish, bring your lunch to eat on the bus.....Bingo is planned for Sunday, Aug. 17, from 2-3 p.m.....The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living Choir performs on Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 7.30-8.30 p.m.....Health Fair 86 was held Wednesday, Aug. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., complete with lectures, a video on osteoporosis, glaucoma testing and numerous health information booths.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A new summer course, Social Etiquette, with **Theresa (Terry) Winston** will be held on two consecutive Wednesdays, Aug. 20 and 27, from 1-3 p.m. It will deal with social conventions including religious rituals, extended family relationship and dilemmas posed by divorced/separated adult children. This is co-sponsored by the North York Board of Continuing Education and is free to all members and seniors in the City of North York.

The third and last session of the Refresher and Defensive Driving Course with **Gord Keenan** takes place Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 9.30-11.30 a.m.

The Sunday afternoon program on Aug. 17, is a concert featuring singer **Charlene Shipp**. That's at 2 p.m.

Also on Sunday, Aug. 17, there is a dance with the lively music of the Creative Band from 7.30-10.30 p.m. Charge is $2 members, $2.50 non-members.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Aug. 20, presents singer **Fay Kellerstein** and pianist **Brenda Weisdorf**. The time is 1.30 p.m. After the entertainment refreshments will be served. Admission is $1.25 members, $1.75 non-members.

About People

GOVERNORS 500 CLUB

Toronto businessman **Larry Wenger** has been elected chairman of the Canadian Technion Society's Toronto Chapter Governors 500 Club. This club includes all members of the society who have pledged to make an annual contribution of $500 towards an Equipment Updating Fund for Technion.

Larry Wenger

This project is an effort of local friends of Technion to provide funds for the continuous replacement of equipment as it becomes outdated in Technion's teaching and research laboratories.

Mr. Wenger, president of a ring and jewelry manufacturing company, came to Toronto from Montreal in 1941. He participated in Technion's board of governors meeting held in Haifa earlier this summer and on his return was elected to spearhead Toronto's membership committee.

THERAPEUTIC CHESS BOARD

More about the therapeutic chess board for handicapped people developed by **Abraham Rubin** — The Hebrew translation of the instructions plus a description of the game were done by artist and art and Hebrew teacher **Lea Vogel (Nimmo)**.

SHAAREI-BETH EL EXECUTIVE

At the recent annual meeting of Shaarei-Beth El Congregation, **Harold Fink** was elected president. Serving with him are vice-president **Harvey Manson**, treasurer **Ruth Burke** and immediate past president **Harvey Goldberg**.

Elected as trustees are **Klaus Bower, Deborah Goldberg, Bruce Maslean, Marty Rich, Joel Rose** and **Allan Setton.**

ROYAL ENTERTAINMENT

An original song, The Royal Rock, written by **Martin H. Kramer** (lyrics) and **Nat Rosen** (music) in 1981 for the marriage of **Prince Charles** and **Lady Diana** was played by cassette in honor of **Prince Andrew** and **Sarah Ferguson** at a royal wedding garden party (July 23) organized by the British-Canadian Trade Association, the St. George's Society and the Monarchist League of Canada. The rousing performance by **Michael Castaldo** was very well received.

The recording of an updated version, Royal Rock II, to send to the royal family is under consideration.

Speaking of weddings — another wedding song, Eyes That Shine on Me (lyrics and music by MHK) is available for wedding entertainment at Intimate Moments and Interlude, through special arrangement with Mr. Kramer. The number is 783-5742.

A CORRECTION

Pearl Mekler, past national president of Na'amat Pioneer Women, made the presentation to **Meri Saguy**, wife of Israeli **Consul-General Gideon Saguy**, at the organization's recent annual tribute dinner. Mrs. Mekler was incorrectly identified in the cutline of the picture that appeared in the July 24 issue.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE APPOINTMENT

Ruth Bass, president of United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, has announced the appointment of **Mark Freedman** to the position of executive director of the region.

Mark Freedman

United Synagogue of America is the umbrella organization of the Conservative movement in North America. Ontario Region currently consists of affiliated congregations in Toronto, London, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Thornhill and Richmond Hill.

A graduate of the school of social work at York University, Mark has been youth director at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am for the past three years and director of regional youth activities for United Synagogue. He is available through the regional office located at 3199 Bathurst St., Suite 205. The phone number is 789-0579.

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENT

Elaine Todres was appointed assistant deputy minister of the Ontario Women's Directorate (OWD) in June. The OWD is the staff organization within the government of Ontario which works with ministries and agencies to develop policies and programs of benefit to women. The assistant deputy minister of the OWD reports to the minister responsible for women's issues.

Elaine Todres

Before her appointment to the top OWD position, Elaine Todres was director of the policy and research branch. In this capacity she played a major role in shaping government strategies and policies in the areas of pay equity, child care, job training and family violence.

INSTALLATION

Johanna Zagdanski (left), retiring president of the Toronto Women's Division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation turns the gavel over to her successor Susan Rothblott Cohen. During the installation ceremonies, which took place at the Desert Rose vegetarian cafe in Elora, Mrs. Cohen paid tribute to her mother, Eve Rothblott, founding president of the organization. The group, now in the midst of a membership drive, supports the neonatology intensive care unit for at-risk newborns at the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem. For information call 781-3584. [Graphic Artists photo]

PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION

Shirley Grotell, president of the Workmen's Circle Social Club, accepts a plaque of appreciation from Gordon Mendly, chairman for organizations of the Israel Soldiers Welfare Association. Top row, from left, are Ethel Barnett, secretary, WCSC; Les Barnett; Sophie Edelist, vice-president, WCSC, and Lou Edelist.

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Organizations and People

Luncheon Sept. 10 at Adas Israel Synagogue

Hamilton Bonds to honor "Women of Valor"

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Hamilton State of Israel Bonds Women's Division will honor eight Women of Valor at a gala luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Adas Israel Synagogue.

They are June Chertkoff, Hannah Feldman, Sylvia Katz, Goldie Lax, Raye Lebow, Leah Levine, Gertrude Pimontel and Jeannette Silver — all longtime volunteers, "the unsung heroines and backbone of every volunteer organization who labor hard behind the scenes but rarely get the recognition they deserve."

They are also grandmothers.

June Chertkoff

Hannah Feldman

Sylvia Katz

Goldie Lax

Raye Lebow

Leah Levine

Gertrude Pimontel

Jeannette Silver

Hadassah has been **June Chertkoff's** life. A member of Sharon Chapter, she is the originator of several successful projects, including the Million Dollar Good Luck Cheques she created in 1960 and the Happy Anniversary and Birthday Club. She also started the popular custom of sewing children's fashions for fashion shows.

Her Lose Pounds for Israel project won 1st prize across Canada and in the 50s she was convenor and publisher of the Hadassah Bazaar book, forerunner of the Hamilton district Jewish community telephone directory. Still active, she continues to sell bazaar tickets to banks, as she has done for many years.

Hannah Feldman, with "my chapter at heart, my project at heart and Israel at heart," has been the "ex-officio president" of Sharon chapter of Hadassah for more years than she cares to remember. She is also a board member of Beth Jacob Synagogue, a past president of the Beth Jacob sisterhood and "still very active and very involved" with numerous projects.

Sharon chapter raises $10,000 every year for Youth Aliyah.

Toronto-born **Sylvia Katz** has for many years been a canvasser for Israel Bonds, UJA, JNF, the Heart Fund and United Appeal and is also one of the founding members of Henrietta Szold chapter, Hadassah.

But the organization she identifies with most is ORT. She was Hamilton Women's ORT president from 1967 to 1973 and still continues to serve as fundraising projects chairman, a post she has held for the past 13 years.

A Holocaust survivor, Polish-born **Goldie Lax** is a past co-president of the Hamilton Supporters of Israel, a tiny but highly successful organization that raises large sums for projects in Israel with its annual Israel Independence Day dance.

She is also a life member of Hadassah and ORT, a member of B'nai B'rith Women and Adas Israel sisterhood, active in the Zionist-Revisionist Organization and an honorary member of the Herut Party of Israel.

Raye Lebow, a former public school teacher and provincial day nursery supervisor for Hamilton, is a member of Henrietta Szold chapter, Hadassah, but most actively involved with Beth Jacob Synagogue. She is a member of the board, past president of the sisterhood and the coordinator of the Beth Jacob adult study group. From 1977 to 1986 she served on the board of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Ontario Branch.

Leah Levine is an accomplished pianist who gained her ACTM, a top degree, at the age of 17, when she began teaching professionally. For over 50 years she has been the volunteer accompanist to almost every visiting performer and for most of the various organizations' musical productions, and continues to do so.

A former pioneer UJA campaign co-chairman (in the 50s), she is a charter member of B'nai B'rith Women and past treasurer of Viceroy Reading Lodge, BBW; life member of ORT and Hadassah and present treasurer of Sharon chapter, member of Beth Jacob Sisterhood and Deborah Sisterhood of Temple Anshe Sholom; and a Shalom Village volunteer.

Gertrude Pimontel left Manchester, England, in 1948 and since moving to Hamilton in 1972 has been active in ORT and Adas Israel Sisterhood. She is an indefatigable seller of ORT gift certificates and served as Hamilton chairman for the ORT convention in Israel and will again be chairman for the next convention in November.

She served as Adas Israel calendar committee co-chairman and is a Shalom Village volunteer visitor, driver and escort for residents. She enjoys volunteering as an Art Gallery of Hamilton tour guide, especially conducting weekly tours for school children.

Jeannette Silver came to Hamilton as a bride from New York in 1939 and has been "deeply involved in the community" and "deeply involved with the state of Israel" ever since.

She is a founding member and past president of Viceroy Reading Lodge, B'nai B'rith women and a past president of Sharon chapter, Hadassah and of Beth Jacob sisterhood. She was also active in National Council of Jewish Women and was a volunteer salesman for Israel Bonds at its inception in Hamilton.

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Handelman, Offman to lead campaign

UJA fund raising efforts shifting to high gear

By
BOB GOTTLIEB

TORONTO —

They are loose, fluid, and strictly business at one and the same time.

She has deeply grounded roots in the organized Jewish communal structure of this city. He has been involved for over 30 years in charitable fund raising for Jewish causes.

Both are deeply imbued with their heritage and intensely concerned for the wellbeing and continuity of their fellow Jews.

And especially do they share an abiding commitment to the state and people of Israel.

And now, because it's their time to assume Toronto's pivotal fund raising leadership role in helping to secure that Jewish future of their vision, they are about to put their good names where their collective conscience already is: On The Line.

They are Max Handelman and Adrienne Offman, joint chairmen of United Jewish Appeal for 1987.

While the frenetic pace of campaign begins in earnest next week with advent of the UJA Advance Gifts Dinner, this pair has already been devoting as much as 12 to 14 hours weekly since mid-December in preparation for the effort that lies ahead. As well, for 10 days in May and June, they led 50 Torontonians on UJA's highly successful Prime Minister's Mission to Israel.

In this current period before the curtain rises, the pair dwells on the weight of what's at stake in the months ahead.

It is this: between themselves, their top leadership of 100 men and women, and 1,000 highly motivated and involved UJA volunteers — effectively they are guarantors to the maintainance of nearly 40 social service agencies and local and national institutions funded (totally or in part) by Toronto Jewish Congress, and of the Toronto commitment to the people of Israel, through the Jewish Agency.

"That," says Mrs. Offman, "is serious business in terms of responsibility."

Indeed it is, for UJA dollars totally fund Toronto Jewish Congress, and the aggregate of all North American UJA dollars raised will provide a multiple of social and educational services to nearly 300,000 Israelis in need during the coming year.

At the core of it all, of course, is the UJA contributor. And nowhere, says Max Handelman — through no other charitable institution — does that contributor realize a more encompassing means of exercising his or her sense of tzedakah.

"UJA is the bottom line," Handelman says. "It's our one and only Jewish community campaign — with 18,000 beneficiaries locally, and impacting on 10% of the population of the State of Israel!"

The joint chairmen share in the belief that Toronto Jewry, always deeply committed to its heritage and identity, now seriously accepts the concept that communal centrality is the key to a viable Jewish future — a reality, says Offman, that necessarily translates to dollars-and-cents involvement.

"It's a simple matter of responsibility," she says, "and of living up to our obligations: to maintain our traditional institutions . . . to respond to the human need among us . . . and to voice in a tangible way our support for the people of Israel."

Accomplishing these ends sums up the thrust of the 1987 UJA campaign theme: "Making The Dream Reality." It's a theme — for the times and for the Jewish people — that manifests the vision shared by Max Handelman and Adrienne Offman for the future of their fellow Jews.

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Max Handelman has a 30-year association with United Jewish Appeal, during which he has served in a number of key campaign positions.

In 1985 he was named UJA's Man of the Year, during the campaign in which he also served as chairman of the Major Gifts Division. Last year he was campaign vice-chairman, as well as chairman of the campaign cabinet.

Handelman also serves as a member of the Ontario and national boards of the Jewish National Fund, and is a past vice-president of JNF.

In keeping with Handelman's conviction that involvement in the Jewish community should be a "family thing," his wife Anne is the immediate past chairman of UJA's Women's Division, while their son Steven currently plays an active role in the Business Gifts Division.

Max Handelman

Adrienne Offman

Adrienne Offman is a longtime activist in Jewish communal affairs, and the first woman to be named a UJA campaign chairman.

A leading exponent of advancing the role of today's Jewish woman in pursuing community involvement, she has led the way by example.

She is a founding officer of the recently formed Jewish Women's Federation of Toronto, and currently serves in a number of key capacities outside UJA. She is a vice-president of Toronto Jewish Congress, vice-chairman of the Canadian provinces for the Women's Division of the North American Council of Jewish Federation, and chairs this year's awards process for the CJF North American public relations competition.

She is a past chairman of the UJA Women's Division and has also served as a joint chairman of Toronto's UJA Project Renewal Committee, chairman of campaign planning, and has been a member of the UJA campaign cabinet.

Mrs. Offman's husband, Allan, is the current president of United Israel Appeal of Canada, and has twice served as a UJA chairman of campaign.

Israel's UN ambassador to address campaign dinner

TORONTO —

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, will keynote the opening event of United Jewish Appeal's 1987 campaign in Toronto at its Advance Gifts Dinner on Aug. 21.

Considered one of the most charismatic representatives ever to chair Israel's UN ambassadorship, Netanyahu has also established himself as a vocal and hard-line advocate against terrorism.

He has strong personal reasons for this concern. He is the younger brother of Lieut.-Gen. Jonathan Netanyahu, leader of the successful Israeli commando raid on Uganda's Entebbe airport in 1976, to rescue hostages aboard a skyjacked airliner.

Benjamin Netanyahu

Jonathan Netanyahu was the lone Israeli to lose his life during the operation. Subsequently, in memory of his brother, Benjamin Netanyahu founded the Jonathan Institute, a private research foundation which has gained international recognition in its dedication to the study and eradication of terrorism.

Ambassador Netanyahu's book, Terrorism: How the West Can Win, was published recently. He has also written articles on the subject for The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and The Los Angeles Times.

Joint chairmen for the UJA campaign are Max Handelman and Adrienne Offman. Advance Gifts Division co-chairmen are Harold Lederman and Donald Rafelman.

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Shaarei Shomayim renovates, expands facilities

Reviewing blueprints are (from left) David Kaminker, Benny Stark, Martin Sable, Serge Eisenberg, and Myer Dorn. [Hudson Taylor photo]

TORONTO — New social and historical facilities will be added to Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., in a major renovation now under way.

The $350,000 renovation, which marks the 20th anniversary of the congegation at its present site, is expected to be completed in time for High Holyday services.

Martin Sable, congregation president, said the building was originally designed for up to 500 families; some 1,300 families are members now. "The expansion will serve our synagogue and the community at large," he said. The Shaarei Shomayim is Canada's largest Orthodox congregation.

New additions will include:

- A small function hall seating up to 175 guests. Bookings are already being accepted.
- A heritage room to house items of historical and artistic interest, as well as congregation memorabilia.
- Updated and expanded bridal facilities.
- Larger administration facilities.

The expansion committee, chaired by Benny Stark, includes the building's original architect, Ben Kaminker, his son David, and Serge Eisenberg.

Architects Beinhaker, Irwin and Associates have designed the additions to fit within the original pattern of the building, said Myer Dorn, congregation executive vice-president.

Hebrew U school open a year

Israeli vets learn at home

TORONTO — The Hebrew University's School of Veterinary Medicine is producing veterinarians trained to cope with Israel's unique conditions, said Dr. Nathan Ayalon here recently.

A professor at the school, Ayalon was addressing the first meeting of the veterinary division of HU's Canadian Friends.

The school has just ended its first year of operation.

A mission of Canadian veterinarians to the school this autumn is being organized.

Foreign study difficult

Said Ayalon: "Israel has had to rely on veterinarians trained abroad. Veterinarians from less developed countries did not know enough about modern techniques, while veterinarians from the western countries did not necessarily know how to practice in a Mideast environment," he said.

He gave the example of a student of his who had been a veterinarian in Soviet Union. "The student told me, 'I'm throwing away all the books I brough with me because they are useless.'

"It is absolutely essential that every country be able to train its veterinarians according to its own needs," Ayalon said, adding that the new school was also essential because quotas on foreign students had made it increasingly difficult for Israeli students to be admitted to top-notch schools elsewhere.

He said the school will make it possible to properly train replacements for retiring veterinarians.

Senior Israeli veterinary research positions are vacant today because of a shortage of qualified senior veterinarians, he said, adding that he has no doubt that school's graduates will assure the profession's future in Israel.

"We accepted the best 20 students out of 500 applicants. Eighteen have MScs, and 2 have PhDs. The grade average of the applicants we accepted is the highest for any faculty at the Hebrew University, higher than medicine or law, for example," he added.

Ayalon stressed that while animal health standards are high in Israel, the same is not true of her neighbors. Animal diseases that are uncommon in Western countries run rampant in the Middle East he said, forcing Israel to practice preventive animal welfare across the Lebanese border.

"We keep test animals along all of Israel's borders, as well as reserve quantities of vaccines," he said, adding that the response amongst Lebanese has been "quite positive."

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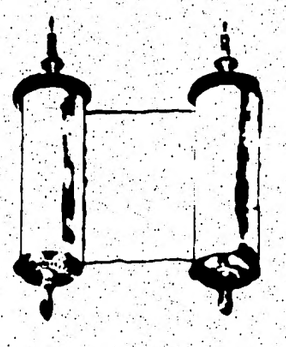

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Va'etchanan/ Shabbat Nachamu.

God is very close. We have to feel Him, touch, Him, speak to Him — with all our heart.

Once a chassid complained to the Peshischa Rebbe: "Whenever I pray, I concentrate so hard that my head hurts."

"Head?" asked the Rebbe, "who asks you to use your head, when you pray? Use your heart. Prayer is called avodah sheh bilev! — service of the heart . . ."

* * *

Sometimes it's so hard to pray. Our minds are in a cloud, our heart is stone, despair surrounds us like a stone wall.

We must never give up.

Consider . . . in this week's portion, Moses was told that he would not enter the Holy Land. He could stand on a mountain, view Eretz Yisrael — but he was barred from entering it.

Moses was heartbroken. "Va'etchanan el Hashem . . . And I supplicated to the Lord . . ."

Va'etchanan in Hebrew adds up to the number 515 — the same as the Hebrew word Tefillah, which is also 515.

Taught our sages: Moses prayed 515 prayers to God: "Let me in! Let me in! Rescind your decree!"

After 515 prayers, God raised his hand and said: "Rav — enough! Don't ask me any more — otherwise, the Jews will say, how hard hearted the Master!"

What a strange medrash! When a person reads such a medrash, is he encouraged, or discouraged to pray? If Moses — who was so holy, so kind, who led the Jews for 40 years in the desert - was not answered, then how can we expect to be answered?

And if God knew that He would not approve and answer Moses' prayer, then why let him waste his time, praying 515 times? Right away, He should have said: "No, forget it!"

But, teaches the Arugat Habosem, Moses' prayer, his outpouring of the heart, teaches us that God cherishes the sincere prayers of Jews. He didn't want Moses to stop!

God wants to hear our voices, just like loving parents treasure the voice of a 3-year-old who comes running: "Daddy! Mommy! Can I have an ice cream?"

You look at the child, you see his helplessness, you see the beautiful innocent face, the voice lingers over your ears like music, sweeter than any Mozart or Beethoven, you touch fingers and lead the child to what he wants, you see, you feel the joy on his face - and the love bond between parent and child thickens. You cherish the need, and the opportunity to fulfill.

God cherishes our prayers, even when He must say no — no! for our good; no! for reasons we cannot fathom; no! even when there is temporary pain. But the words themselves, our tefillot, melt the walls that separate us between profane and holiness; they pave the way to the Messiah.

* * *

When we pray, we must mean it. They asked Reb Chaim of Sanz: "What do you do before you pray?" Answered he: "I pray that I will be able to pray."

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Rabbi Eliyahu Essas:

Soviet Jews pursue Torah study

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

When the KGB, the Soviet secret police, raided a secluded Torah class Rabbi Eliyahu Essas was holding with 44 other Soviet Jews in Moscow, he was understandably afraid.

But he was not afraid for his own safety. He was afraid, he says, that the students would not come for the next Torah class.

He needn't have worried. All but two of the talmidim came for the next clandestine session. That's how strong the conviction to study Torah is among many Soviet Jews today.

Rabbi Essas, who is credited with inspiring hundreds of Soviet Jews with furthering their interest in Judaism, finally made aliya late last year, after spending almost 13 years as a Refusenik. In Toronto recently during a cross-country tour, Essas told a packed hall at the B'nai Torah Synagogue that many Soviet Jews will risk almost anything, including their personal safety, for the study of Torah.

A mathematician by training, Essas first applied to emigrate in 1973. He was refused for security reasons, as his wife, an engineer, had once worked in a government office for a year. For the next 13 years, neither Essas nor his wife were able to find work in their fields. They and their three children were harassed, threatened with parasitism, their apartment searched and their telephone disconnected.

In December, 1985, Essas and his family were finally given permission to immigrate to Israel.

The KGB, he said in his talk, once searched his apartment from 8 in the evening to 7 the following morning, looking for Hebrew prayer books. They found none, but Essas said he took the opportunity to talk to the agents.

"They were quite nice. They searched the children's rooms first so they could go to sleep," Essas, 40, said. "I told them that every KGB head has been murdered by his successor. This is no secret in the Soviet Union. I told them to think for themselves...to think about themselves. I told them the Jews have been around longer than the KGB."

Essas began studying Hebrew in secret with longtime Refusenik Joseph Begun. He joined a clandestine Moscow yeshiva and went to synagogue. But he confesses it was "difficult to be inspired" at Moscow's only synagogue because it was attended by mainly elderly worshippers.

When the first Torah group began, 15 people, not knowing much about Judaism, showed up. In a short time, Essas said, 12 of them became fully observant Jews.

"We are talking about between 2 and 3 million Jews in the Soviet Union. That means every fifth Jew in the world lives in the Soviet Union," where Jewish education, Torah study and religious activity are strictly forbidden. Children as young as 3, however, are taught Marxism, he pointed out.

Essas likened the lot of Soviet Jewry to the four sons who ask questions at the Passover seder. One is wise, one is wicked, one is simpleminded and one doesn't know what questions to ask. Most Soviet Jews, Essas said, fall into the last category. They are so far removed from Judaism, that they don't even know the questions.

Even their numbers are questionable. Essas said the number of observant Moscow Jews is estimated by how many buy kosher meat and how many attend a mikveh, since Jews have to sign documents for both.

Answering questions, Essas said he does not perceive a lessening of persecution of Jews under the regime of Mikhail Gorbachev. As for the possibility of re-establishing consular relations between Israel and the Soviet Union, "it is neither a good thing nor a bad thing."

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OTTAWA —

"When you come to us we do not feel so alone," says an Israeli soldier as a Chabad Mitzva Tank rumbled up to dispense Yiddishkeit.

He and others were shown lauding the cross-Israel Lubavitch fleet, in a fund raising video presentation here recently led by Rabbi Efraim Smukler of Montreal's Maimonides Hospital.

Eight of these tanks — specially decorated Winnebago trailers — ply the country from one corner to the other up to 12 hours a day, bringing Jewish music, Torah literature and classes, Yom Tov accessories, and the chance to don tefillen and perform other mitzvot.

"Each tank costs the equivalent of $400 U.S. per week," said Rabbi Smukler. "Only 15% of these expenses are covered by the Israeli government."

Another video tribute was given by Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations. It was recorded at the dedication of a Mitzva Tank named after his late brother, Yonatan, who was killed in 1976 leading the Israeli rescue team at Entebbe airport. The Lubavitcher Rebbe advised him "that Israel has to be strong, and not bow down," said Netanyahu.

Rabbi Smukler said that 100% of funds raised for the Mitzva Tank project goes to Israel.

The evening was hosted by Carol and former Ottawa mayor Lorry Greenberg, and convened by Dr. Yosef and Devora Caytak. For more information about the Mitzva Tanks, phone Dr. Caytak at (613) 729-9256.

OHRC completes a successful year

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

A reduction in the number of complaints received, coupled with an increase in the number of cases closed, resulted in the Ontario Human Rights Commission having a successful operating year in 1985-86, according to the commission's recently released annual report.

Canon Borden Purcell, chairman of the OHRC, said the 6% increase in the number of cases closed from the 1984-85 fiscal year is "a positive indication of the concerted efforts of the commission's excellent staff to substantially reduce the current case load." During the year, the commission closed 1,129 cases, up from 1,070 in 1984-85.

Of the cases closed, 64% were settled, 20% were dismissed and 16% were withdrawn. The highest rates of settlement were registered in cases citing the grounds of public assistance, family status, marital status, record of offences, sexual harassment and sex, while the lowest were observed in complaints related to ethnic origin, age, race and color, reprisal and creed.

To tackle the increased caseload, Purcell said the government increased the commission's human and financial resources.

"This year the commission was able to effect far more creative and systemic remedies to address structural inequities as well as help develop mechanisms to resolve community and organizational tensions," he said.

In addition to hiring additional personnel, a review of the commission's operations was conducted and a comprehensive series of case processing and case management changes were recommended. These changes will be implemented during the coming fiscal year.

A total of 1,356 complaints were received in 1985-86, a decrease of 1.5% from the total 1,599 registered in 1984-85. This decrease was registered in the Toronto regions only and resulted mainly from a lower number of complaints on the grounds of race and sex.

As in past years, physical or mental handicap continued to constitute the largest number of cases received comprising 32% of the total number of complaints of discrimination. While race and sex related complaints were down substantially from previous years, they continued to register the second and third most often cited types of complaint.

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Tel-Aviv, July 14, 1986

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The superiority of Israel's Defence Forces, proved time and time again in repelling all attacks against the State, is often attributed to its sophisticated weaponry and brilliant strategies. But just as in the early days of the State - the beginning of the long and hard struggle for existence and consolidation - so in the modern era of the I.D.F.'s excellence must be seen in the image of the Israeli soldier. His perceptive reasoning and conscience, his devotion and high morale are the vital components of our success.

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I congratulate the Association, its many thousands of devoted volunteers in Israel, and its generous friends abroad, for thus supporting us in carrying out out vital tasks in defending Israel.

Wishing you every success for your Dinner in September 1986,

Y. Rabin

Y. Rabin
Minister of Defence

For further information on the Tribute Dinner, Sunday, September 14, Sheraton Hotel, please contact the Association for Soldiers of Israel: 783-3053

Organizations and People

In Jewish community

Child abuse cases increase

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
Myth: Jews do not abuse their children.

Fact: The Jewish community is beginning to realize that not only does child abuse exist, but that there has been an increase in the number of physically and sexually abused Jewish children over the years.

Sam Reiss, supervisor of special resources with Jewish Family & Child Service, told The Canadian Jewish News, that the lack of recognition of child abuse in the past has perpetuated the problem and has made it possible for children to continue to be victimized.

"People distance themselves from the abusers, saying it couldn't happen to them," Reiss said.

However it does happen within the Jewish community. In the past 40 years, he said child abuse increased as Jews became "climatized" within the community.

In 1985, JF & CS received 146 reports of child abuse, up from 106 in 1984. Reiss explained this represents the total number of proven and unsubstantiated allegations the agency receives. He said once JF & CS believes that some form of abuse is occurring, an investigation is conducted.

Of the 101 cases substantiated by JF & CS in 1985, there were 39 reported cases of physical injury, 35 cases of sexual abuse and 27 cases of deprivation/neglect. This was up from 70 substantiated cases in 1984 consisting of 30 physical abuse and 22 sexual abuse cases.

Reiss said the statistics indicate that 6-9-year-olds suffer the greatest incidence of physical and sexual abuse with a greater number of males being physically abused and a slightly higher number of females suffering sexual abuse.

Of the 39 children physically abused last year, six were under 2 years, five were between 3-5 years old, 15 fell in the 6-9-year-old category, four were between the ages of 10-12 and nine were over 13 years old. In the 6 to 9 age group, 13 cases involved boys.

Reiss claimed that most physical abuse occurs when a parent goes "overboard" while disciplining a child.

He said that since fathers remain the chief offenders of both physical and sexual abuse, with relatives and friends following close behind, the belief that shielding children from strangers will protect them from abuse is a myth. He said this tends to cause psychological trauma as children are taught to trust the very person who is often the abuser.

Another "myth" being shattered is that abused children come from low income or single-parent families. In fact, he said, the majority of physically abused children come from families whose income is between $25,000 to $35,000.

This figure is even higher in families where sexual abuse was substantiated. The greatest number of sexually abused children come from homes whose income exceeds $55,000, according to JF & CS's findings.

In the 35 substantiated cases of sexual abuse in 1985, one was under 2 years, nine were between the ages of 3 and 5, 13 were between 6 and 9, four were between 10 and 12 and eight were over 13 years old. In the 6 to 9 age group, eight were girls.

Reiss said that as more cases are being reported the public is becoming more aware of the problem. He said JF & CS is also helping to bring child abuse to the public's attention by speaking to groups.

Show planned on history of Nova Scotia Jews

HALIFAX —
An exhibit on the history of the Jews of Nova Scotia organized by The Jewish Historical Society of Halifax will be on show in April and May in the Chase Exhibition Room of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia here.

Following the Halifax showing, the group plans to send the exhibit to the other major population centres in the province, the society has announced.

The society is compiling a registry of religious, commercial, and secular items that reflect the background and lifestyle of the Nova Scotia Jewish community.

It is interested in such articles as ketubahs, vintage photographs, immigration and/or naturalization papers, family histories, organization characters, minutes of meetings, chala covers, matzoh covers and Sabbath lamps.

The society also seeks degrees and photos of early doctors, dentists, lawyers, sports and youth activities, ads and papers from early Jewish businesses, early newspaper clippings and data relating to Jews and commercial organizations. Photos and printed materials can be copied, if requested.

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YOUTH PROGRAM
10:30 a.m. New Puppet Show by Renelle Kuntz. Ages 3-5. Free.

1:30 p.m. DR. GERSHON WINER, Dean of the Yiddish Faculty, Bar-Ilan University, will speak on **"The Ethical Motif in Chaim Grade's Literature."** Sponsored by The Committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress and the Kultur Geselshaft. $4.00.

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2:00 p.m. Children's Concert with SANDI HOROWITZ. Ages 3-9. $1.00
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Sunday, September 28

11:00 a.m. LINDA SHAPIRO, author of *BLESS ME FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED.* (U.S. Book-of-the-Month-Club Selection) will speak on **"A Jewish Writer Explores Catholic Confession".** Free.

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Organizations and People

Terrorists attack with media in mind

JERUSALEM —

Terrorists use the media as a "theatre of terror" by timing their attacks for maximum news coverage, a researcher said at the 3rd Canada-Israel conference, held recently at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The conference, on Cultural Identities and Communications, was organized by the HU's Program of Canadian Studies, co-sponsored by the government of Canada and Ralph and Roz Halbert of Toronto.

In presenting his research on terror and the use of media, Gabriel Weimann of the University of Haifa gave as examples such media-oriented acts as the murder of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics and the 1976 hijacking of a Canadian plane by Croatian nationalists.

"Terror is directed more towards television and radio than it is to the victims, who serve only as symbols," said Weimann, one of 70 academics and communications experts from Canada and Israel who participated in the 3-day event.

James Bartleman, Canada's ambassador to Israel, said he was most impressed by the involvement of Canadians in Israeli academic life.

Abraham Rotstein, professor of economics at the University of Toronto, said Canada, like Israel, is struggling to assert its national identity in the face of a "cultural onslaught" from foreign sources.

Liora Salter, chairman of the communications department at Vancouver's Simon Fraser University, said public broadcasting systems should strengthen national languages, include a commitment to extensive news, extend public tastes into new areas, and fulfil a national mandate in a direct and critical sense.

She said it was particularly important for Israelis to pay special attention to the Canadian experience because "Israeli policy is where Canadian policy was 10 to 15 years ago."

Films from the National Film Board of Canada were screened, and a photographic display from the Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography was exhibited. Israel Radio also broadcast a special program of Canadian music.

The second leg of the conference will be held Sept. 27 to Oct. 2 at Carleton University in Ottawa. For more information, contact Canadian Friends of HU, 1 Yorkdale Rd., Suite 208, Toronto M6A 3A1; (416) 789-2633.

Opening the conference were (from left) Canadian Ambassador James Bartleman, Prof. Yeshayahu Nir, Deputy Prime Minister Yitzhak Navon, HU Chancellor Avraham Harman and co-sponsor Dr. Ralph Halbert.

Torah Institute graduates 1st class

OTTAWA —

Three local students recently became the first graduates of the Ottawa Torah Institute High School, the only full day Jewish high school here.

They are Zeev Diena, Russell Samuels and Benjamin Ilivitsky, who finished grade 13 with averages of 91%, 86.1% and 85.5%, respectively. They have been offered scholarships by Ontario's leading universities in addition to the Ontario scholars' prize.

The three were presented with their grade 13 secondary school honor graduation diplomas in June. Graduation exercises were held at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue, under the auspices of the school's deans, Rabbi Yisroel Morgenstern and Rabbi David Tropper.

Diena, as valedictorian, praised the school for its "superior Hebrew and secular studies" curriculum.

Ilivitsky is planning to begin university in September. Diena and Samuels will spend the next year learning at yeshivot in Israel.

The Ottawa Torah Institute has grown from an initial enrolment of seven in 1982 to 21 in 1986. Most of its students from out of town come from Montreal and Toronto. Full dormitory facilities are available.

The school is located at 151 Chapel St., Ottawa, K1N 7Y2. Anyone seeking information should phone the office at (613) 594-5658 or write the school.

Disabled persons survey

TORONTO —

To identify the number of disabled people in Canada, Statistics Canada has designed a survey which will be conducted during the summer and fall.

The Health and Activity Limitation Survey will be the largest study on disabled people in Canada, according to Statistics Canada. It addresses issues relating to the nature of the disabilities and their impact on such matters as employment, education, transportation, housing and leisure activities.

Approximately 200,000 people from all age groups and every part of the country are being included in this voluntary survey. Over 24,000 people in Ontario will be interviewed during August and early September.

The design of the survey follows extensive consultation with various levels of government and private organizations and is in response to the special parliamentary committee on the disabled and handicapped report recommending the need for comprehensive data on the disabled.

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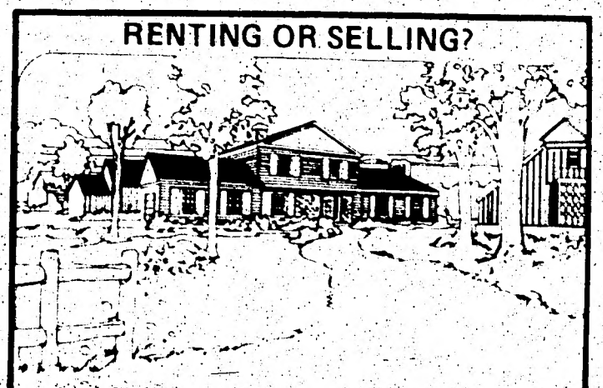

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Organizations and People

Israeli journalist praises Hassan-Peres meet

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Talks held recently in Morocco between King Hassan II and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres signify a "very positive development" in improving prospects for peace in the Middle East, according to one of Israel's most respected journalists.

Hannah Zemer, editor-in-chief since 1970 of the Hebrew Labor-rooted daily Davar, told The CJN during a visit to Montreal en route to a United Israel Appeal of Canada conference in Vancouver, that "Hassan has now declared himself to be one Arab leader who knows that there will be no peace without the willingness to sit down and talk. In that sense it is positive."

But at the same time, Hassan cannot singly "negotiate for all the Arabs" or improve the overall climate outside the Israeli-Moroccan sphere. The symbolic importance of the meeting between the two leaders, Zemer, said, "is not tachlis in itself."

Zemer's opinion is not likely to go unnoticed by either the Davar's readership or the powers-that-be in the Jewish state. She is counted among Israel's more influential figures.

Survived camp

Zemer, 57, was born and raised in Czechoslovakia and survived a concentration camp before reaching Israel in 1950. From her knowledge of biblical Hebrew, Zemer had the modern version virtually mastered by the time she began her first journalistic stint as a "roving reporter" for the Davar's simplified Hebrew edition, the Omer, in 1951. Zemer rose quickly through the ranks, serving as domestic and foreign political and diplomatic correspondent, a 9-year tenure as chief editorial writer, and eventually as the Davar's editor-in-chief.

In addition, Zemer is a celebrity in Israel, attaining high profile as a radio and television broadcaster, interviewer, and political commentator.

Davar's circulation of 50,000, while by international standards "not very big," says Zemer, is compensated by an elite corps at the newspaper's editorial helm. "They are a brilliant staff, first-rate journalists." As well, Davar is respected for its measured, intellectual, and undogmatic approach to Israeli political, military, and domestic affairs and to its society in general. Among its well known contributors are Amos Oz, Yitzchak Ben Ner and Chaim Be'er.

Zemer describes the Davar as a "home base for writers, poets, and potential leaders."

Although the paper is closely linked to the Israel labor federation, Histadrut, in its coverage and historical roots, the labor movement "does not mix in" in determining Davar editorial policy, says Zemer. Although people tend to associate the Histadrut with the political left, Zemer points out that Israel's labor movement encompasses the full spectrum of ideological thought — from Communist to Likud.

Zemer describes the Davar's present editorial stance as "slightly more left than the Labor Party."

Despite the myriad of problems that affect daily life in Israel, Zemer brought an optimistic message. The Shin-Bet scandal, the rise of religious and secular extremism, and the Palestinian problem neither cloud her sense of reality nor diminish her hope. She cites improved Sephardi-Ashkenazi relations, the positive "partnership" with Western Jewry, and the Hassan-Peres talks all as hopeful portents to Israel's future — "as long as its eyes remain wide open.

"Without being naive, I believe in the future of Israel. I am optimistic but there are also great internal dangers, and we must be on guard. There is a lot of room for hope but not margin for error."

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JEP/Ohr Somayach begins classes

Centre for Jewish learning opens on Bathurst

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
JEP / Ohr Somayach officially opened its new quarters at 2939 Bathurst St. recently, enabling it to provide under one roof what its director calls an "integrated learning centre.

"It's going to provide all levels of Jewish learning from introductory (a person without a Jewish educational background) all the way through advanced learning at the yeshiva level," says Rabbi Shlomo Mandel, Toronto director of the Jewish Educational Program.

The new centre, formally called the JEP / Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Learning has classrooms, a media centre including a print and audio-visual collection, and a resource lending library with 2,000 books on Jewish subjects, he says.

"The function of the program," says Mandel, "is to connect people with Jewish sources, Jewish learning.

"We act as a bridge between the available Jewish education resources in the community and those interested in accessing these resources. The centre will help us expand individually tailored learning programs."

A synagogue is also included in the building and will be used for introductory minyanim, says Mandel. The organization plans to hold monthly Shabbatonim at the centre, he adds.

The primary introductory class at JEP is held Mondays from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. and covers various aspects including Jewish ethics, philosophy and biblical issues. The topic switches every six weeks.

JEP also offers an intensive night yeshiva, geared to all levels of student background with different sections for beginners on up. Normally held on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:30 to 10, the program covers Talmud, Halacha, and Chumash.

"The people who are participants are for the most part professionals many of whom come from secular backgrounds," says Mandel

"They have opted into this intensive program because they feel Torah study is essential, and many have grown into yeshiva type scholars. One of the primary teachers (Rabbi Joseph Posen) is a lawyer and a rabbi so he can bridge the gap."

JEP also has a women's program taught by women. It is again geared to the student who is at the very beginning of her studies, and to those who are further along in their learning. Mandel estimates that 25 women have been participating regularly in all three levels of the program.

Besides regular classes, JEP also sponsors guest speakers from around the world annually.

In previous years the organizers have invited Dr. David Gottlieb, formerly a professor of philosophy at John Hopkins University and now an instructor at Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem; Rabbi Nota Schiller, dean of Ohr Somayach, Jerusalem; and Rabbi Mayer Schiller, described by Mandel as a member of a conservative think tank and author on political philosophy.

These same individuals are expected to come again this year.

JEP has also been creatively active in other ways recently. With the help of a Wintario grant, Morley Markson (designer of the Lipa Green Building's Holocaust museum and a student in the night yeshiva) and Abie Rotenberg, have produced The Living Tradition, a 20-minute color film.

The documentary is composed of six interviews with JEP students who were successful in professional life but had little affiliation with Judaism, and who have now opted for an observant lifestyle. Mandel says the film explodes the myth that being observant is anachronistic.

Mandel is the resident rabbi of a Jewish computer bulletin board that he says allows for a nightly dialogue on a variety of subjects related to Judaism with others accessing the Compuserve network across North America.

"It's something I hope will develop in the Jewish community in a much larger way," the rabbi says.

"I would like to develop an 800 phone number that is devoted exclusively to Jewish education. It is a way to use available technology to serve Jewish needs. It's a modest endeavor that I would like to see develop into something more substantial."

With a computer setup in the centre and software available on everything from learning aleph-bais to how to conduct a seder, Mandel says, "the blend of technology and learning is what we're trying to engender here."

For more information about JEP's many offerings, call: (416) 785-5899.

Toronto JEP/Ohr Somayach recently moved into new quarters. Seen affixing a mezuzah in the new centre are (from left): Rabbi Elizer Shapiro and Shmuel Rothman, of Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum Centre, New York; Rabbi Dovid Sapirman, educational director JEP/Ohr Somayach; Henry Zieleniec, chairman of building campaign; Joseph Tanenbaum, president, JEP/Ohr Somayach; and Rabbi Shlomo Mandel, director. [Graphic Artists photo]

Sunnybrook tells smokers to butt out

TORONTO —
Sunnybrook Medical Centre has taken the first step to become a smoke-free hospital by prohibiting smoking in certain areas.

In an informal survey of staff and visitors in the Sunnybrook cafeteria, 78% of respondents said there should be controls on smoking in the hospital environment.

Smoking will no longer be permitted in waiting rooms, lounges, reception areas and patient rooms, with a few exceptions. Provision has been made for smoking in designated areas of the cafeteria and the coffee shop, as well as in psychiatry and the two extended care wings, where veteran patients are considered long-term residents.

Smoking will also not be allowed in meetings and meeting rooms.

Frances Henry given govt. post

TORONTO —
Frances Henry, a founding member of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations, was among the 20 new members recently appointed to the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship by Premier David Peterson.

Henry, who was appointed for a 2-year term, is an anthropology professor at York University and a consultant to the Pitman Commission on Race Relations.

The council advises government through the ministry of citizenship and culture on multicultural matters and citizenship development.

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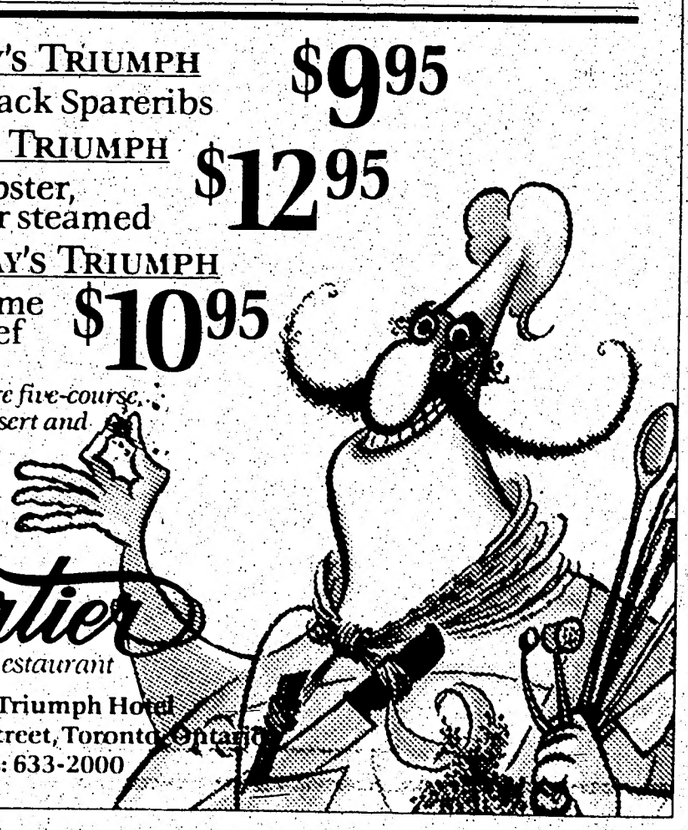

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Organizations and People

RNA report criticizes Ontario's care for elderly

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — The quality of care provided in Ontario's facilities for the elderly is, at best, mediocre and must be changed to improve life for long-term residents and patients, states a report commissioned by the Ontario Association of Registered Nursing Assistants.

The RNA Report on Institutional Care of the Elderly in Ontario examines four areas of resident care: personal, physical, environmental and general, and looks at both the positive and negative aspects of Ontario's long-term care facilities, why they exist and how they can be improved.

"RNAs, in their responses, emphasize again and again the shortage of qualified personnel in institutions and the effect it has on every aspect of care quality," the report states. "As well, the findings indicate that numerous, indeed most homes for the aged and nursing homes are employing unregulated and unqualified health care aides to provide nursing care."

The report was commissioned in response to a call from Ontario Minister of Health Murray Elston for suggestions of ways to improve care for the elderly. The study was conducted by mailing questionnaires to 6,200 RNAs working in facilities for the elderly and by visiting nursing homes and homes for the aged and talking with administrators, RNAs, residents, relatives of residents and representatives of various organizations involved with the elderly.

There are over 6,000 RNAs currently employed in Ontario in hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged, rehabilitation and therapeutic centres and various community health settings. They are trained to administer medications and prescription creams, take temperatures and blood pressures, apply dressings and to provide emotional, physical and mental support to residents and patients.

The results of the study emphasize the "mediocre" degree of resident care being provided in Ontario facilities with personal care being rated the least satisfactory of all care elements. This is care that offers communication, emotional support and the encouragement of independence to residents.

"Mediocre personal care means that residents are not allowed sufficient privacy, are not given proper respect, are not encouraged to be independent, are not regarded as individuals, are not receiving adequate emotional support and it means that staff rarely has the time to communicate with them at a personal level," the report states.

To improve the level of personal care in Ontario's institutions for the elderly — both in homes for the aged and nursing homes — the report suggests a move away from the medical model of health care to the humanization model.

"Medical model dominance means that the social life of the institution and the private lives of the residents are rigidly organized to ease the achievement of medical goals...While the medical model may facilitate bed and body work, it tends to produce docility and compliance in the elderly, and docile and compliant people are far easier to care for than independent individuals who may challenge the authority," states one source cited in the report.

This humanization model would, according to the study, enhance self-esteem, a sense of belonging and positive attitudes in residents; promote individualized care of residents; allow for privacy and intimacy; and encourage contact with the community, artistic expression and the adoption of pets.

As well as calling for the provincial government to enforce improvements to the environmental, physical, personal and general care currently being provided, the RNAs report also recommends that the province ensures that more staff is hired in Ontario's facilities for the elderly.

The report also recommends that:

- **The current nursing assistant program be extended to include additional training in the care of the elderly.**
- An accredited post-basic RNA gerontology specialization program be made available to all RNAs in Ontario. In connection with this, a number of RNAs also recommended the inclusion of study in such areas as Alzheimer's Disease, palliative care, psychology and communication skills.
- A multi-disciplinary, team approach to care for residents be adopted in Ontario's facilities for the elderly. Residents would also be part of this team approach, the report states.
- The provincial government oversee the implementation of community support services to accommodate those senior citizens inappropriately housed in long-term care facilities.

As an alternative to institutional care, the report recommends that a continuum of care be implemented comprised of a broad range of health care services.

This would include housing services such as basic shelter, sheltered housing, apartment complexes and medium and heavy nursing care; support services such as meals-on-wheels, security checks, transportation, home help, home-making, home care and gerontological nurses; and partial services such as drop-in and day centres.

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Organizations and People

Civil liberties program a Canadian trendsetter

Lawyer proud of work with Jewish community

By
FRANK RASKY

(This is the first of an occasional series of articles by CJN staff writer FRANK RASKY on the Jewish community of Greater Vancouver.)

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VANCOUVER —

Mark Silverberg packed his bags a few weeks ago and left Vancouver for his second "home" in Israel.

He left with his wife, Sheryl, and their two young children, and with mixed feelings of joy and regret.

He felt joyful about his long-postponed Zionist dream of making aliya to live for a trial sabbatical of one year in Jerusalem.

But the Winnipeg-born, Edmonton-trained civil rights lawyer — a brown-bearded dynamo of 38 — regretted taking a 1-year leave of absence from his exciting post in Vancouver where he felt he had accomplished so much.

For the past four years, Silverberg has served as executive director of the Pacific Region for Canadian Jewish Congress. He thus spearheaded the organization that officially represents the 22,000 Jews in British Columbia — 20,000 of them in Greater Vancouver.

"They were the four best years of my life," Silverberg said over an early breakfast cup of coffee in a CJN interview before his departure from here.

He is particularly proud of having helped the Jewish community gain clout and influence — what he terms a driving force in the field of social and political action.

"When I came here, the Jewish community was like five disjointed fingers," he says. "It was quite unlike the smaller, tightly-knit Jewish community in Winnipeg, which has always been a fist.

"Now, I'm proud to say, the community has assumed a more cohesive, aggresive posture. Its civil liberties program has become a Canadian trendsetter, which is just now being duplicated in Toronto and Montreal.

"By the turn of the century, I predict that Vancouver will rival those Eastern cities in terms of the quality of Jewish education, social justice and all the things we call *tachlis*, Yiddish for substance."

Silverberg has always been a socially militant activist.

His father, Jack, an ardent Zionist and progressive-minded mathematics teacher, overcame Manitoba's religious barriers to become the first Jewish chairman of a school board in Winnipeg.

In Winnipeg, as leader of B'nai B'rith's anti-defamation campaign, the young civil liberties lawyer persisted in speaking out on TV against the Arab nations' boycot of Israel goods, defying a local PLO extremist who threatened to bomb Silverberg and his family out of their home.

When he was hired four years ago to revitalize Canadian Jewish Congress activities in British Columbia, the first thing he did was to initiate a civil rights division.

He called his committee the Beth Tzedek, Hebrew for House of Justice. He proposed to his board sending out a letter to 200 Jewish lawyers throughout the province, 99% of them uninvolved in Jewish communities.

"I proposed telling them that the one subject we don't

Mark Silverberg

talk about is the number of Jews who are poor and disabled," he recalls. "I wanted to ask them to devote one hour of their time each month to helping these unfortunates draw up a will and cope with other legal problems."

He remembers being told: "We tried doing something like that in 1960 and it didn't work. You'll just be wasting 34 cents in stamp money for each letter."

He responded by citing Theodor Herzl's famous credo: "If you will it, it need not be a dream."

He added: "We're limited only by the extent of our dreams and our determination to make them work. We've nothing to lose except stamp money."

The result is, he says, that 88 lawyers now provide a variety of free services in areas ranging from criminal to civil law.

"About 90% of them are young lawyers who've graduated from law school within the last five years," he says. "In a similar way, the average age of our executive board has dropped from 55 to 35 since I came here.

"They're a vigorous mixture," he says, laughing. "We're moralists and realists, rightwingers and leftwingers, like the Knesset. But we get things done."

Some of the liveliest doers, he says are the "Anti-Defamation League types" he has handpicked to serve on his Political Action Committee.

Among other activities, they've organized Jewish lobby groups in 23 out of the 28 federal ridings in BC.

One elderly gentleman, he says, goes to the library every week, where he religiously monitors Hansard.

Others monitor newspapers in the rural "boonies" of BC, scanning editorials, news stories and letters to the editor for antisemitic and anti-Israel references.

A $15,000 federal government grant has enabled them to set up a computer linkup with small Jewish communities throughout the province. It has helped establish what Silverberg calls an "intelligence service," which keeps track of anti-semitic utterances of BC's ultra-right organizations.

The groups range from the BC Free Speech League to Concerned Parents of German Descent. Silverberg's activists not only combat them by writing briefs and organizing protests, but also keeps CJC's headquarters in Eastern Canada well informed of their multifarious activities.

"The Social Credit Party has no set policy about Jews, but their attitude toward minority groups generally is poor," says Silverberg. "They temper their rightwing philosophy with the realities of the marketplace.

"Our most effective strategy is to take a Social Credit politician out to a friendly lunch, confront him with the facts, and make him aware that we are a minority group that merits attention."

He says the main problem is that people in rural BC suffer from xenophobia — fear of strangers. Some of them have never met Jews, and it's one of the CJC's functions to help them get acquainted on a 1-to-1 basis.

In his four years in Vancouver, Silverberg is proud to say that all his concepts have become a reality, except one — a Jewish magazine-style radio program, familiarizing listeners with Jewish and Israel culture and current events.

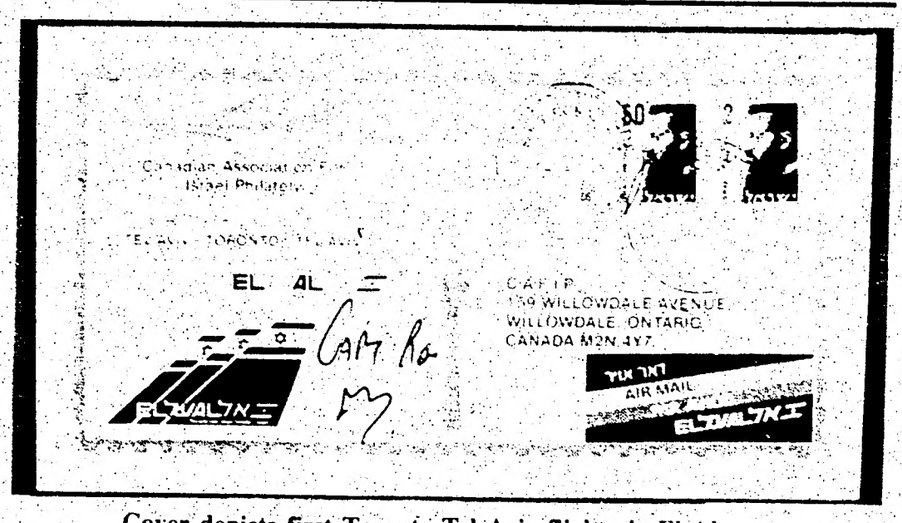
He tried to organize the show, but it failed because he could get no more than three advertisers to sponsor it. As a result, the community has to make do with an anthology of Jewish music on Co-op Radio-FM every Sunday at 7 a.m.

"Still, considering all the things we've achieved, I believe I'm leaving behind a pretty good track record," he said.

Looking back on it, he says, "Vancouver has become a wonderful vibrant community. We're 3,000 miles away from the madding crowd of decision makers in the East.

"But that's also been a plus. We're not fettered by bureaucracy and internecine power struggles. We're open to innovative ideas. And that's why I leave for Israel with a certain amount of regret.

"It'll be great to see what happens in this exciting community in the next year."



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At Bernard Betel

Health fair held at centre

TORONTO —

Lectures, demonstrations and a multitude of booths relating to various aspects of health care recently greeted seniors at Bernard Betel Centre when a health fair was held.

The fair, organized by the centre's health committee, featured about 35 booths covering every aspect of health, including the Victorian Order of Nurses, the Association of Jewish Seniors, Doncaster Medical, North York Public Health Department, Lung Association, Red Cross, Stroke Recovery Association, Alzheimer's Society for Metro Toronto and Parkinson Foundation of Canada.

Morris Nusyna was also there to explain the Helping-Heart Club. The 2-year-old association meets at the Fitness Institute once a month to discuss problems associated with heart related illness. He said discussions are led by individuals who have experienced heart disease and wish to share their experience with others who suffer from the disease.

Dorothy Manace (left) and Ruth Green participated in the health fair held at the Bernard Betel Centre. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Rabbi helps Russian Jews

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Russian Jews across Canada are keeping up with Jewish issues as well as hearing news about their friends all over the country, thanks to the efforts of Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, spiritual leader of the Russian Community Shul in Toronto.

Zaltzman, executive director of Exodus, the only Russian Jewish newspaper in Canada, says he began publishing the monthly paper three years ago to help teach Russian Jews about Judaism and to assist in easing them into the Jewish community.

"Many Russian Jews come to Canada after a lifetime of persecution. They know very little about their religion and they are anxious to learn. But not speaking English, however, they are often hesitant to go to Judaism classes and join synagogues," Zaltzman said.

He said that by learning about Jewish customs and rituals in Russian they do not have the frustration of learning about Judaism in a strange language.

"After Russian Jews do learn English they are happy to receive literature in their native tongue," said Zaltzman.

He noted that about 3,200 Russian Jewish families in Canada receive his paper and it is mailed to such cities as Halifax, Montreal and Vancouver.

"We have a mazel tov and condolence column as well as listings of a few community events. We also include news about the Jewish community around the world. People love to read it," Zaltzman said.

He said that the articles on each Jewish holiday are popular. "We teach the history behind each holiday, typical foods and recipes and holiday preparation. It is a real lesson in Judaism."

Zaltzman said an insert in English is geared to children who have forgotten how to read Russian.

Exodus is sent free upon request and donations are welcome. For information call Rabbi Zaltzman at 731-7000.

Saludo, Rambam

NEW YORK —

The American Jewish Heritage Committee and the government of Spain, represented by the consulate in New York, jointly hosted a reception and celebration to mark the 850th birthday of rabbinic authority and philosopher Maimonides.

In his remarks Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the AJHC, cited the significance of the event as "indicating the acceptance of Maimonides as a universal figure of world civilization."

He said the reception points to "the warmer relations between Spain and Israel and highlights the new chapter of friendship that exists today between Spain and Jews the world over."

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Representative office for Bank Hapoalim opens

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
A standing room only crowd jammed the foyer of the new Bank Hapoalim representative office at 2888 Bathurst St. recently to witness the placing of a mezuzah and unveiling of a mural by Ernest Raab.

The many guests — including Israeli Consul General Gideon Saguy and his wife Meri — gathered to officially open the relocated (from downtown) representative office and sub-branch of the bank on the 3rd floor of a new building just north of Glencairn Ave.

"May your house be open very widely to people from all walks of life," said Rabbi Herbert Feder, former spiritual leader of Beth Tikvah Congregation, as he nailed the mezuzah to the main door.

"It was a challenge to glorify banking...it was not easy," said artist Ernest Raab. His bas-relief mural created from "man-made stone" which decorates the entry to the bank was unveiled by Phil Granovsky, chairman of the board of Bank Hapoalim (Canada).

One section of the creamy, white bas-relief mural shows money as the source of economic, agricultural, industrial and cultural development of the modern world and the bank as a central part of this world, explains Raab.

On another wall is a sculptured map of Israel showing different locations of Bank Hapoalim, with the head office in Tel Aviv clearly marked with a tall tower.

Meshulam Druckman, president and chief executive officer of Bank Hapoalim (Canada) praised David Zegen, the outgoing representative for Canada for Bank Hapoalim B.M. for his work with the bank here in Canada.

Zegen, who is returning to Israel, received an Inuit carving of a seal as a present to remind him of his Canadian experience.

The representative office allows customers to access the Bank Hapoalim Group. The group includes 11 commercial banks for corporate and retail clients, several mortgage and industrial banks, and more than 50 companies engaged in investment, finance, fund management, leasing, countertrade, insurance, real estate, and other diversified activities around the world.

In Canada, Bank Hapoalim also maintains a representative office at 1550 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W. Suite 1030 in Montreal.

The main office of Bank Hapoalim (Canada) is in Toronto at 1 First Canadian Place 63rd. floor. A branch is also planned for Montreal in the near future, bank literature states.

Officials of Bank Hapoalim listen to Meshulam Druckman (right), president and chief executive officer of Bank Hapoalim (Canada), at a reception marking the opening of the new representative office. The group at left includes: David Zegen, outgoing representative for Canada; Amos Amiran, new representative for Canada, and Phil Granovsky, chairman of the board, Bank Hapoalim (Canada).

A Yiddishe tam at Parry Sound getaway weekend

TORONTO —
Friends of Yiddish, in association with the Committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress, is planning a Great Getaway Yiddish Weekend Sept. 12-14, at Maple Lake Lodge, Parry Sound.

The guest speaker will be Aaron Lansky, director of the non-profit National Yiddish Book Exchange, Amherst, Mass. He and a group of students have amassed thousands of works of Yiddish literature which are then recycled and distributed on a worldwide basis to universities, libraries, researchers, translators and individuals.

Workshops on Yiddish language, music, humor, history, and other topics will be given by local experts like Ben Kayfetz, Peretz Miransky and Srul Glick. Entertainment on Saturday night, to be provided by Friends of Yiddish Players, will include folk dancing, and singalongs. There will also be aerobics and late night movies in Yiddish.

Cost for the weekend is $110 for members, $125 for non-members, double occupancy.

Reservation deadline is Aug. 15. Accommodations in the main Lodge are limited and reservations will be on a first come, first served basis.

Price includes Oneg Shabbat dinner, three meals Saturday, two snacks, breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Meals are kosher.

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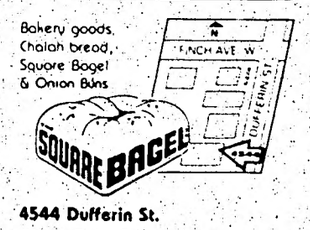

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"Like molding an art form"

Sheridan grad nuts over knits

By
LORI SMITH

Tozer likes elegant clothes rather than brash fashion

"Working with knits is like molding an art form," says Alexandra Tozer, a recent graduate of the fashion design program at Sheridan College.

Tozer, 23, who majored in knits at Sheridan, came to the fashion world via art.

"I began with an artistic background and actually went to an art school in Ottawa to study fine arts. I'd always had an interest in fashion but didn't have any sewing experience so I thought I couldn't get into a design school.

"Then a friend at fine arts school applied to Sheridan, got in and loved it so I decided to give it a try.

Tozer says that her art background has helped a lot; proportion, color, texture, balance, symmetry and sketching are second nature to her.

She says that she will design anything — men's or women's wear. And one of the triumphs of 1986 was her line of knits for the Chasing A Dream design competition sponsored by the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

She is influenced by what is happening in the European fashion world.

"It's such a visual society that everything influences you, and we have the videos and magazines to keep on top of it all. But you reach a saturation point and have to be careful to keep track of your own direction.

"For instance, starting and staying with a silhouette. Right now I like broad shoulders and a narrow bottom, but in Europe, they are much more body conscious and the skirts are shorter and that's showing in my work as well."

This year, Tozer has created a number of knitwear garments including a leather and suede, art deco inspired sweater and a line of off-white knits for fall that are accented with four colors. She explains that she loves working with color and natural fibres. "Man-made fibres are less expensive but they don't hang as well."

She admires the Italian designers who are doing wonders with knits; Claude Montana, a designer she feels produces directions in fashion and she finds the London fashion scene interesting and innovative, but essentially a rehash of the 60s look.

"I like understated, elegant clothes rather than brash fashion."

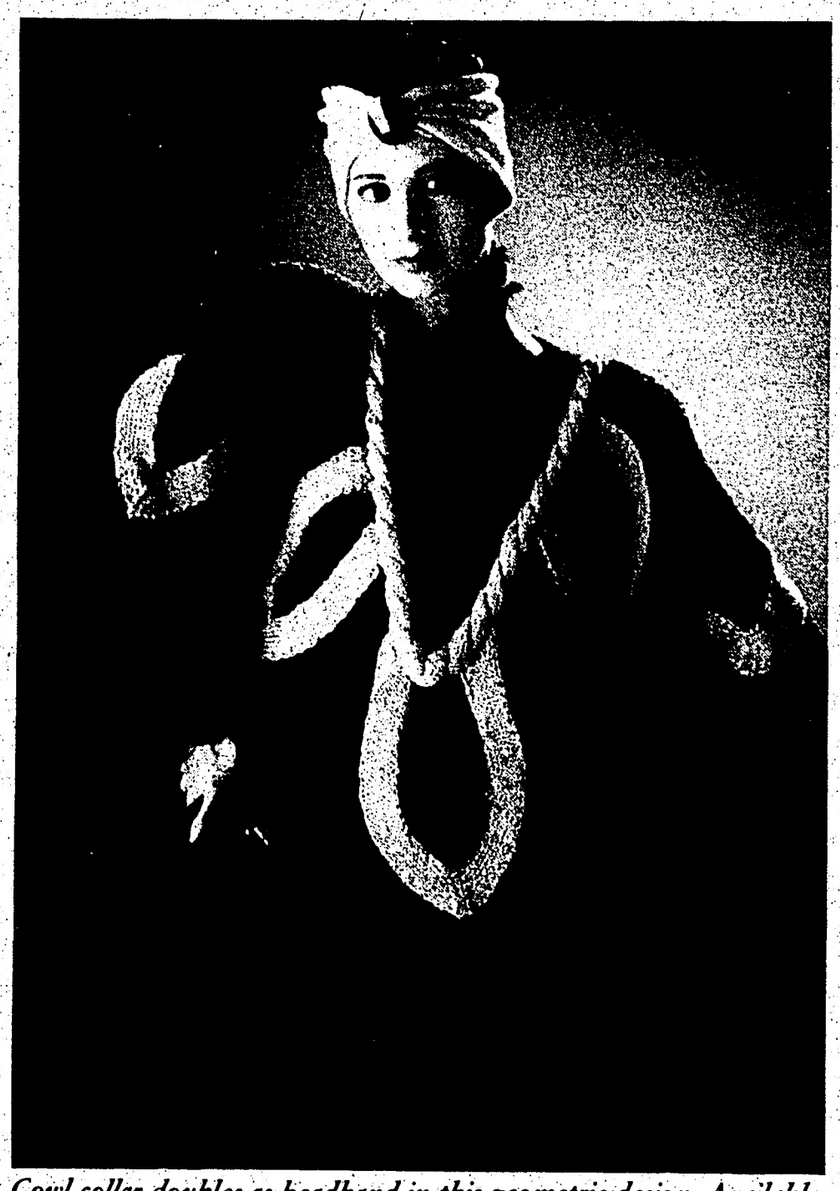
She would like to work for a company just to get experience in the industry.

Tozer says she would like to go to Europe to study and work, but knows that she will have to work in the Canadian fashion industry first for a few years.

Here, she says, she will have to sacrifice art to extent. Canadians want a more conservative look than Europeans.

"The Canadian fashion industry is too conservative. I wish they would have a more open mind towards young designers. I think that young Canadian designers have to go to Europe and make it to be accepted in Canada.

"There is an attitude that Canadian-made clothes are not as good as other countries, which is not true. But consumers here want to buy American and European goods which is unfortunate for the country and the industry."



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Arts

Loser whose dreams die hard the subject of a gritty movie

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Cathy Tyson and Bob Hoskins star in Mona Lisa.

TORONTO —
Many dreams have been brought to your doorstep.
They just lie there. And they die there.
Are you warm? Are you real, Mona Lisa?
Or just a cold and lonely lovely work of art?

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The haunting lyrics of Mona Lisa, as sung by the silky-voiced Nat King Cole, resound through *Mona Lisa* like a bittersweet lament.

Mona Lisa, written and directed by Neil Jordan, is a beautiful, low-key portrait of a loser whose romantic dreams die hard.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, Mona Lisa is constructed around George (Bob Hoskins), a simple, stocky ex-con with a heart of gold.

George, having just been released from prison, has the door slammed in his face as he tries to present a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums to his estranged wife. In a rage, he shouts "hello," pushes a passerby and kicks over a garbage bin.

He finds refuge with Thomas, a garage mechanic who has cared for his white Jaguar all these years. And he obtains work from Mortwell (Michael Caine), a vicious underworld figure for whom he took a rap seven years ago.

Mortwell, the proprietor of a nightclub, throws him a crumb and he accepts. His job is to drive Simone (Cathy Tyson), a high-priced mulatto call girl, from one hotel to another.

At first, Simone and George don't get on. But soon they become friends, and Simone, a graceful, stylish woman whose voice bespeaks intelligence, gives George a wad of money to buy himself some decent clothes.

George, not knowing anything about fashion, shows up wearing a loud, tasteless summer shirt and a leather jacket which doesn't match. Berated by Simone, he says: "I'm cheap. I can't help it! God made me this way!" To which Simone replies: "Being cheap is one thing. Looking cheap is something else."

Thinking she can reform him, Simone buys George an expensive suit, but George, who by now has fallen in love with Simone, still does not look great.

Simone, finally, accepts him. And George, glad to be liked by someone, agrees to look for her friend Cathy, a prostitute who has mysteriously disappeared.

In searching for Cathy, a drug addict who has been abused by her pimps, George descends into London's sleazy red light district, with its peek shows, striptease performers and cutrate whores. It is a dark, dangerous, seamy world inhabited by hard, unyielding people, and Mona Lisa evokes it brilliantly.

The character portraits of George and Simone are shallow but strangely effective. We don't learn what makes them tick, but their unlikely relationship is touching, if not ultimately tragic and absurd.

Bob Hoskins, winner of the best actor award at the Cannes Film Festival, engages our attention from the very outset. His riveting screen presence never fades.

Cathy Tyson, a newcomer, displays emotions ranging from vulgarity to tenderness. She is clearly an actress of substance.

Michael Caine successfully conveys the corruption of a man without scruples or morals.

Mona Lisa, a gritty little film with ironical undertones, does not present a pretty picture of the world. But how can it when life can be so cruel?

Talented couple featured

Yiddish theatre tribute planned for Earl Bales

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

A tribute to Yiddish theatre, featuring two of Toronto's most authentic beacons of the genre, Moishe Turk and Eva Fishman-Turk, will be held at Earl Bales Park under the direction of Nathan Garnick on Aug. 31.

Soprano Eva Fishman is one of the last remaining stars of the old Standard Theatre on Spadina Ave. at Dundas (now a Chinese movie house). She would often be warmup act to the Yiddish theatrical greats such as Maurice Schwartz and others. Her repertoire is thus authentic and vibrant.

Her husband Moishe is one of Toronto's most durable violinists and orchestra conductors in the lighter repertoire, and his present orchestra will perform courtesy of the Musicians' Union Trust Fund.

There will be supporting performances by actors yet to be announced. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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Everything was ideal for the annual Congress Committee for Yiddish concert at Earl Bales Park. The weather was gorgeous. Over 2,500 people attended.

Cantor Louis Danto was in top form, performing an intelligent combination of familiar and some lesser-known Yiddish folk songs. Jossi Abromovitz's band was flawless yet suitably mellow in spirit.

The Beth Tikvah choir under Srul Glick was tight and beautifully-balanced, and Ethel Aloni's richly resonant alto voice was an excellent warmup.

One more amplifier speaker for the back of the outdoor Skylight Theatre was needed, but this was just a minor flaw. Mayor Mel Lastman and Controller Esther Shiner presented introductory speeches.

Next year, the concert will take place in the new Skylight Theatre in the same location. There was a request from the audience that Cantor Danto perform a Russian song next year — a request that should not be heeded. Let's keep this annual event purely Yiddish.

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Srul Glick will give a talk on Yiddish music as part of the Yiddish Weekend at Maple Lake Lodge, Parry Sound, sponsored by the Friends of Yiddish in asociation with the TJC Committee for Yiddish, Sept. 12-14.

The program will begin Sept. 12 at 8.30 with an Oneg Shabbat dinner hosted by emcee Nat Garnick. Next morning, there will be a creative aerobic session followed by a speech by Aaron Lansky, director of the National Yiddish Book Exchange in Amherst, Mass. At 2 p.m., Srul Glick will talk on Yiddish music and Chana Erlich will discuss the history of Yiddish.

Peretz Miransky, the famed poet, will teach beginners' Yiddish at 3 p.m., while Ben Kayfetz will speak on Yiddish journalism. At 4 p.m., Chana Erlich leads a Yiddish nature walk. Pray for the sun!

As the sun sets at 8 p.m., the Friends of Yiddish Players present skits and readings followed by folkdancing directed by Hy Diamond and a singsong with Dorothy Glick. At 12 midnight there will be a Yiddish late show movie.

For further info call Bess Shockett at 635-2883, or Chana Erlich, 233-6139 during evenings. The registration deadline is very soon so don't delay.

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Arts

A mixed entertainment bag

Swing music tops list, but Simon play a "must see"

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

A *tzimmes*, as most Jews know, is a delightful mixture of sweet carrots and prunes and other goodies.

With summer drawing to a close, we herewith present the *tzimmes* of entertainment available to Toronto pleasure-seekers this month and next.

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At the top of our personal list is the news that *Big Band Swing Music*, in the style of **Glenn Gray** and his **Casa Loma Orchestra** who used to enchant the jitterbugs in the 1940s, is returning once again to the big Kiwanis Club castle at 1 Austin Terrace.

Tom de Moraes

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We can vouch for the unalloyed pleasure you're bound to get if you catch **Frank Ruffo's** production of *A Tribute To Kiss Me Kate* at the Cambridge Motor Hotel's Showplace Dinner Theatre at 600 Dixon Rd. (249-7671).

It's a capsule version of **Cole Porter's** brilliant Broadway musical, containing some of his wittiest tunes the likes of *I Hate Men*, *Brush Up Your Shakespeare* and *It's Too Darn Hot*.

At the performance we saw before it temporarily closed after a 3-month run, we especially enjoyed the peppy singing of **Felicia Shulman** and **Gretchen Helbig** and the antics of comedian **Mark Terene.** It was so exhilarating, we look forward to seeing it again when it reopens Sept. 10 for another 3-month engagement.

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You don't have to be Jewish to be able to enjoy Toronto impresario **Nathan Garnick's** production of *The Glorious Years Of Yiddish Theatre*, a tribute to performers **Eva Fishman** and **Moishe Turk.**

It opened for a 1-night engagement at 7 p.m. on Aug. 31 at the Skylight Theatre, the popular outdoor amphitheatre at Earl Bales Park located off Bathurst south of Sheppard.

Other featured performers include exotic dancer **Tova, Jacob Bailin** and **The Heritage Players** of the Wagman Centre. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair because admission, of course, is free.

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If you're a **Bertolt Brecht** fan, you may be interested in catching his masterpiece, *Mother Courage*, with **Shelley Goldstein** in the title role and **Jack Grunsky** providing a special musical score. It's a Theatre of Change production running until Aug. 25 at the Canadian Repertory Theatre at 121 Avenue Rd. (925-0025).

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Those with a special interest in internment camp life in Poland following the Soviet's martial law crackdown in 1982 may wish to see *The Restoration Of Order*. Globe and Mail reporter **Mark Lukasiewicz** arranged to have a script of the drama smuggled out of Poland, translated into English, and directed by **Blake Heathcote.**

It runs from Aug. 12 to Aug. 24 at the U.C. Playhouse at 79a St. George St. (978-6307).

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You may have seen the movie made several years ago from **Murray Schisgal's** Broadway comedy hit, *Luv*. It's lighthearted gallows humor about a guy's frustrated attempts to commit suicide.

Director **Bill Wallace,** who has done some fine work hereabouts in the past, also serves as a performer with his co-stars **Victor Farkas** and **Melanie Scarr.**

It's playing until Aug. 30 at the Du Maurier Theatre at the Pauline McGibbon Centre at 86 Lombard St. (781-8397).

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Who can ever forget **Gene Kelly's** street-splashing, lampost-climbing, umbrella-waving dance number in the MGM musical classic, *Singin' In The Rain?*

Kelly doesn't appear in the Broadway production playing at the O'Keefe Centre Aug. 26 to Aug. 31, but there are some bright young hoofers and singers doing their stuff in it, including **Cynthia Ferrer, Donn Simione** and **Brad Moranz.**

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Finally, if you want to laugh and cry over Jewish family life in the Depression years, and have a wonderful time doing so, don't overlook **Neil Simon's** *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. With young **Andrew Miller** in the lead role as Simon's boyhood alter ego, it's been drawing appreciative crowds to the Variety Dinner Theatre at 2335 Yonge St. (489-7777), and it's scheduled to run there at least until the end of September.

It's an ideal show to consider if you're entertaining your Uncle Abe and Aunt Sarah visiting from out of town.

War book shows English reaction to Canadians

By
DAVID BIRKAN

True Canadian War Stories (Lester & Orpen, 310 pp.) is badly served by its title, which rings more of barbershop adventure magazines than the treasury of living history — subtly and at times humorously portrayed — that it is.

Among the contributors to this service anthology from World War I to the Korean war, selected from Legion Magazine by Jane Dewar, is former Winnipeg newsman Ben Malkin (who died recently). In a number of pieces, Malkin, then a reporter for the Winnipeg Free Press, describes: enlistment in his city in 1939 and departure for Britain; the initial shock of Canadians encountering civilized English pubs and how they quickly adjusted to the new conditions in order to make women friends and influence them; and certain perceptions of Canadians by the locals at large.

In The Old Pub Game, Malkin describes the only honorable approach to well brought-up English women in pubs: the cultural-historical line. For example, he and his friend politely beg their pardon as they ask a pair of young women to "arbitrate" a rather difficult dispute: "How old (pointing to the rafters) would those beams be, do you suppose?"

Malkin concludes this piece with a chiding he received from a British soldier for being allowed, as an exotic Canadian, to view a subterranean tavern 1,000 years old. Despite repeated requests, the local has always been denied the privilege. Malkin and his buddy claim that history, not special privileges, interested them. "Ah, come off it," the soldier replies. "I know that game. Now you've got an edge. I could have used that information myself."

In Through English Eyes, Malkin sketches local response to the Canadian servicemen. This is mostly friendship and genuine concern for their welbeing, once their "casual manner and egalitarian way" were accepted.

But there were exceptions. The sensation-oriented News of the World seemed to print every story in which a Canadian ran afoul of the law, carefully identifying his nationality. Such attention dropped only when U.S. troops came over. "The Americans had far more glamor," writes Malkin. "They were much more titillating than anything we provincials could produce." This showed there had been "nothing personal" in the News' coverage.

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An uglier note is struck in Malkin's chance meeting with some kind of pompous official who complains that Canadians have got "their lorries parked on lawns and everywhere."

Malkin turns to show him his Canada shoulder patch.

"These are French Canadians," the tall plump man says soothingly.

"I'm French Canadian," says Malkin.

There is a moment's silence, but the man soon recovers his aplomb and blames the Jews.

"I'm a Jew," says Malkin.

"I thought you said you were a French Canadian."

"That's right. I'm a French Canadian Jew."

The man left at the next station.

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A Canadian soldier faced punishment for stealing, driving and crashing an army truck "without authority." The only eye witness was a civilian, a World War I veteran who "clearly knew something about courts-martial." The prosecuting officer asked him to identify the culprit. The man, sympathetic, made a show of peering intently into the face of each man in the room, including that of the presiding officer, and then gave up. "I'm sorry, sir," he testified, "but all Canadians look alike to me."

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Arts

O'Neill play a classic

Lemmon's performance falls short in Journey role

GERRY MORRIS, The CJN's critic of New York plays, reviews two of the current Broadway shows. Morris is a member of the Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk and the American Theatre Critics Association.

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LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT

NEW YORK —

Eugene O'Neill is generally acknowledged as the greatest of all American playwrights — the only one to win a Nobel Prize for Literature. In addition, he was a 3-time recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for drama.

As a young man he was afflicted with a terrible restlessness, dropped out of Princeton University after one year, then came early marriage, quick divorce, capped by fatherhood at 21. Next he knocked about as a gold prospector, a merchant seaman, an actor, a newspaper reporter and a seasoned saloon habitue.

The comment by Edmund (O'Neill based the character on himself) in Long Day's Journey Into Night best mirrors his plight. "I will always be a stranger who never feels at home — who must always be a little in love with death."

He was the second son of James O'Neill, a versatile and outstanding actor of his day. The elder O'Neill had little chance to use his versatility, as he chose to shackle himself to a hack play, The Count of Monte Cristo, for 27 years. James O'Neill's obsessive fear of poverty stymied his growth both as a creative actor and a family man and prompted him to refer to his capitulation to financial security as "my bad — good luck."

In 1940 Eugene O'Neill wrote Journey, an eloquent semi - autobiographical play. It was so personal in its anguish that he refused to have it produced until after his death in 1953. Here in his loneliness he explores his family's turmoil and unhappiness, ultimately compounding itself into a destiny of doom. Haunted, as he says in his play dedication, by the ghosts "of old sorrows," which centre upon a famous but mean and miserly actor, his drug addicted wife, and their two troubled sons.

A short poem by Dowson quoted in the play by Edward says it all:

They are not long the weeping and the laughter,
Love and desire and hate:
I think they have no portion in us after we pass the gate
They are not long, the days of wine and roses
Out of a misty dream
Our path emerges for a while, then, closes within a dream.

Long Day's Journey was given a superb mounting in 1956, starring the distinguished husband and wife team of Fredric March and Florence Eldridge. It was successfully directed on the screen in 1961 by Sidney Lumet and starred Sir Ralph Richardson and Katherine Hepburn.

The role of James Tyrone has become a tempting and monumental test for actors.

Caricature of Gerry Morris by Al HIrschfeld.

The current Broadway revival stars Jack Lemmon as an unlikely choice for the role of the anguished and tyrannical father. Boston-born and Harvard educated, the 2-time Academy Award winner (Mr. Roberts and Save The Tiger) displays unusual courage in taking on this classic and risky role. He once proclaimed: "The fear of failure is the worst thing in the world because it stops you from doing new things."

Performing in an incredible range of roles skilfully swinging from comedy to serious parts with the trapeze artist's ease, Jack Lemmon is considered one of the best movie actors in the business. But his stage work is another story. With his mane of silver hair and whiskey voice he has some heart-wrenching moments as the head of this pitiful brood, but regrettably his overall performance is not in the same league as that of his predecessors. On the stage his restless mannerisms are distracting and impede his believability as he probes the deepest recesses of the anguished father.

Under the provocative direction of Jonathan Miller, the classic work which normally takes over four hours to perform is reduced to 2 hours and 50 minutes. This is accomplished not by cutting the text but by speeding up the action, using overlapping dialogue. Nevertheless it is an interesting production and should be seen by those who consider themselves devotees of serious theatre.

Apart from Lemmon the actors are not particularly well known.

Bethel Leslie plays the morphine-addicted matriarch, Mary Tyrone, who drifts in and out of reality with skillful application. Peter Gallager plays Edward, the troubled tubercular son with searing drive and Kevin Spacey is brilliant as the booze-ridden Jamie.

The New York company will soon be putting up the shutters and taking off for London and a grand tour of Israel in the month of October.

The stages of the world will long offer the drama of Eugene O'Neill, and when they cease to do so, it will be because his followers have forged further along the trails that he blazed so brilliantly.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Broadway director Mike Nichols manufactures hits the way the Swiss manufacture cuckoo clocks. He is undisputed King of the Hill — top of a very big heap, in a city that is fiercely competitive, and rampant with extraordinary creative talents. As the song goes, "If you can make it there you can make it anywhere."

A Broadway production that has the Mike Nichols stamp is generally conceded to be a box office shoo-in. His greatest gift is his formidable intellect, wired with a special psychic radar that enables him to detect a hit. When he smells box office bonanza he goes for it like a baseball addict devouring the box scores. His incredible sense of shrewdness is the result of many years of honing his craft as a writer-performer with Elaine May (remember the unforgettable comedy team of Nichols & May?).

His directorial expertise contributed to such shows as Barefoot In The Park, Living, The Odd Couple, Plaza Suite; The Prisoner of Second Avenue; Gin Game; Annie; The Real Thing and such outstanding movies as The Graduate, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, Carnal Knowledge and just released Heartburn, starring Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson.

Nichols continues to be a model of consistency, keeping his perfect box office score intact with his new comedy Social Security.

Playwright Andrew Bergman attempts to prove that Neil Simon does not have the exclusive rights on churning out 1-liners and sight gag material. In the first act, unfortunately, he overloads the circuits with too many cockamamie jokes, most of which have to do with sex and Jewishness, but the second act is a humdinger.

Barbara and David Kahn (Marlo Thomas and Ron Silver) sport a snazzy upper east side apartment and are the owners of a chic West 57th St. gallery, obviously enjoying the best of the New York social landscape. They are visited by Barbara's provincial sister, Trudy, and her nebbish husband, Martin Heyman (Joanna Gleason and Canadian actor Ken Welsh) who know zilch about art. In fact they are as one-dimensionally American as Hershey bars, bubble gum and Little Orphan Annie.

The essential problem is that their zany, dishevelled 83-year-old mother, Sophie Greenglass, (Olympia Dukakis) who lives in suburbia with Trudy and Martin, is about to be delivered, complete with aluminum walker, to the New York couple ("her fancy daughter").

The Heymans are off to see their offspring, a State University freshman in Buffalo, in the hope that they can rescue her from a lurid and lusty shack-up. The parents aren't exactly kvelling over their daughter's unusual sexual proclivities.

Ron Silver introduces Sophie to one of their best clients, a famous Marc Chagall-looking 98-year-old artist (Stefan Schnobel) who understandably moves very slowly except when his passions are stirred. Sophie and the artist hit it off immediately. He paints her portrait, sets her up in a private suite, buys her a smashing wardrobe and she revels in the glow of December Romance. Without half trying, the oldsters walk off with the whole play. This hilarious couple are a wonderful advertisement for geriatric rejuvenation.

Ron Silver's timing as the husband is impeccable; but Marlo Thomas falls short as the harried wife. Joanna Gleason and Ken Welsh deliver admirably in their characterizations.

If you are a sucker for a lightweight comedy this show is for you. It's cranking out big weekly grosses and Mike Nichols is getting the longest and best laughs of all. He'll be doing it every day all the way to the bank for some months to come.

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Rejected writer now author of over 20 books

Time/Steps' Charlotte Allen persists to conquer

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Author Charlotte Vale Allen isn't the type of person who gives up easily.

When the 45-year-old best selling writer received a flurry of letters turning down one of her early manuscripts, she didn't get discouraged.

She kept hounding the New York publishers, sending them other books she had written. Eventually her determination paid off. Love Life was published in 1976, followed later by almost two dozen other books.

As the Toronto-born mother of one explains, she didn't realize those early rejection letters were the standard form letters publishers sent to all would-be writers.

Nowadays Allen — who has spent the last 15 years living in Norwalk, Connecticut — is a little more knowledgeable about publishers. She has published 23 books including her most recent novel *Time/Steps*.

The book, according to Collins Publishers of Don Mills, is "a rag to riches story of happiness and heartbreak, and everything in between."

Set in Hollywood in the 1930s and 1940s, it traces the theatrical career of the book's main character, Beatrice Crane who eventually becomes a successful dramatic actress.

Charlotte Allen

Allen, recently in Toronto to promote the hefty 558-page novel which is dedicated to Bette Davis and has already received critical acclaim from publishers like Publisher's Weekly, says it was inspired by the old Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers movies she watched as a child.

"I just always wanted to do a Hollywood book," she says.

The show biz subject matter was also close to home for the multi-talented Allen who as a teenager dropped out of high school to attend drama schools. Later learning the guitar, she performed in Toronto clubs and cabarets, and in the 1960s she alternated with Gordon Lightfoot as a regular at the Steeles Tavern. Eventually she moved to the United States and signing with the ABC Variety Agency as a singer, toured the mid-western states. Her Jewishness was largely submerged.

It was during this time Allen began writing novels. Taking her typewriter with her on tour, she would write in hotel rooms — pounding out many before her first was finally published.

Most, including *Daddy's Girl*, her account of the sexual abuse inflicted on her by her father, have now been published. Some of her books have appeared in foreign editions in Spain, Italy, Holland, Japan and France, to name a few.

Allen — who eventually gave up her singing career to become an insurance broker, and later decided to write full time in 1976 — attributed part of her books' appeal to the female characters who she has made intelligent and strong. "I also write with the understanding that people who read books have brains. I don't patronize my readers," she says.

Allen says she regards herself as a commercial writer. In her first year she wrote seven books and in her second, she wrote six. Ever since then she has produced a book every twelve to eighteen months.

"I was having a good time. It was fun," she says, recalling her most prolific days. "I had a lot to say . . . and if someone was willing to pay me, I was going to write my heart out."

Her next novel, *Fool's Gold*, already complete, is scheduled to be published ion another year. And Allen, whose 14-year-old daughter attends a private school in Toronto, already has plans in the works for another book. That one, requested by the owner of a British publisher, is to be set on the Orient Express, she reveals.

Munk condenses Aqaydat Yitzchaq

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

For former Torontonian Elihayu Munk, retirement in Jerusalem has led to the writing and publication of *Aqaydat Yitzchaq* (2 volumes, $30), a condensed translation of the 15th century classic Torah commentary. It is a welcome addition to Torah literature in English.

The original, by Rabbi Isaac Ben Moshe Arama, helped stimulate both Jewish and Catholic biblical studies. It became widely quoted among Jewish scholars; Sephardic commentator Abarbanel incorporated many passages into his own writing. Christian theologians discussed Arama's ideas and translated tracts for direct study.

"I hope that at the end of my 120 years," said Munk with a smile, "the Arama will come over and shake my hand with a yasher koach" for attempting a revival and adaptation of his work for the modern reader.

"Arama's is a brilliant work," he told The Canadian Jewish News on a recent visit here. "He explains the most mind boggling hagadot as actual events, rather than metaphors or parables. This is the application of pshat, determination and literal explanation of occurences, at the highest level. And when he does resort to drush, explanation through parable, he is astounding."

Munk, who made aliya in 1978, is the scion of a reknown family of scholars. One cousin, Elie Munk, wrote the best selling *World of Prayer*. Another, Eli Munk, a rabbi in London, wrote the *Seven Days of Creation*. Eliyahu's father, Max Munk, wrote Extra Dimension, which suggested the use of scientific principles in understanding nissim, miracles. "A ness can be comprehended by a widened degree of perception, perhaps like the fourth dimension that Einstein visualized," said Munk.

Munk, a founder and former president of Clanton Park Congregation, taught at Rabbi Abraham Price's Torat Chaim yeshiva in the early 50s, and later at Associated Hebrew Schools' afternoon Talmud Torah and Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda. He was also head of the local Hebrew Teachers' Union. He was in private business during his final years in Toronto.

Munk translated and condensed the original 2,500 pages of Hebrew into about 1,000 pages of English. He credits Rabbi Nachum Rabinowitz, former spiritual leader of Clanton Park and now dean of Yeshivat Birchat Moshe in Maalei Adumim east of Jerusalem, for encouraging him in the task. In the English version, Munk left out major digressions and polemics, as well as references to scientific vogues of Arama's time. On the other hand, finely woven explanations like the story of King Saul consulting the witch of Endor have been presented in their entirety.

Arama affirms both man's free will and God's foreknowledge of his actions, a long-standing philosophical problem. In his discussion, he is critical of non-traditional philosophers ready to sacrifice human freedom or God's omniscience as the quick answer to the problem.

Arama treats faith as the voluntary assent to the mitzvot despite intellectual uncertainty about them — an uncertainty due in part to human incapacity and moral dullness.

Arama analyzes the credos of Maimonides and other scholar-philosophers, and proposes one of his own. This is based on implicit belief in the Creation, miracles, revelation on Mount Sinai, Providence, teshuvah, and immortality of the soul.

Like Arama's original, Munk's work is made up of a commentary on the Torah, sidrah by sidrah. The text is clearly written and clearly laid out, religious philosophy at its most readable.

The lack of a coventional index is made up for by a detailed table of contents at the beginning of the first volume. An index of verse references appears at the end of the second volume.

Aqaydat Yitzchaq is available in Jewish book stores locally as well as those in Jerusalem.

Munk lives in Talpiot, near the Moriah Hotel, where he can do "what I want to do and where and when I want to do it," he said. He is planning a translation of medieval halachist Moshe AlShech.

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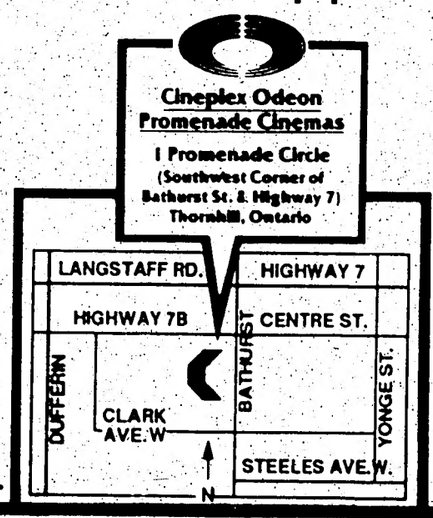

Arts

Site of terrorist attack now place for culture

Ma'alot arts centre created to unite Arabs, Jews

MONTREAL — If an Israeli writer gets her wish, Ma'alot, the scene of a bloody terrorist attack in 1974, will become the nucleus of a unique project in Arab-Jewish cooperation.

Corinna (she uses only her first name) is the director and founder of HILAI, the Israeli Centre for the Creative Arts, which she hopes will bring together members of the diverse communities of that region — Christian and Moslem Arabs, Druze, Bedouin and Jews of European and Oriental origin — to pursue a common interest in the arts.

Now a twin town of 10,000, Ma'alot-Tarshiha in the Upper Galilee is the only jointly-administered Jewish-Arab municipality in Israel.

HILAI, a non-profit venture founded in September, 1984, offers artists, writers, composers and others in the arts, regardless of their background, a tranquil setting to create for periods of from one to three months.

Unlike a conventional artists' colony, they are expected to contribute to the local communities by participating in cultural and educational programs, such as drama workshops, concerts and discussion groups. The outreach aspect of the project began last November. "Up until now, the various communities have regarded each other with mistrust and suspicion and there was little or no contact at a personal level," said Corinna.

Plans are under way for the establishment of a permanent HILAI centre in Ma'alot-Tarshiha, as well as in Mizpe Ramon in the Negev Desert on land provided by the Israel government. Both of these towns are far from the mainstream of Israeli cultural life. Many of the residents come from isolated development towns, kibbutzim and villages.

"The only criterion for acceptance is artistic achievement or promise," said Corinna, who was in Montreal recently to discuss the project.

Corinna was born in Romania and immigrated "illegally" to Israel via Cyprus in 1948. After receiving her BA in Hebrew and English literature from Tel Aviv University, she embarked on a literary career. Her first novel, Some Answer, published by Masada, won a prize from the Israeli Writers' Guild in 1979.

She has had another short novel, Revelation, and over a dozen of her short stories published in Israeli literary magazines, and recently completed her second novel on contemporary Israeli life, as yet unpublished, Bright Days, Blue Days.

In the 1970s, Corinna said she decided she did not want her three children to grow up with negative stereotypes about Arabs. "I wanted them to know that the word 'Arab' is not a curse, but the name of a people."

She cultivated a personal relationship with a neighboring Arab family, and soon began to introduce her Jewish and Arab friends to one another in social and artistic settings. In 1975, she initiated an experimental project between the western Galilee towns of Tamra, which is Arab, and Shlomi, which is Jewish. Every two weeks, Arabs and Jews would meet to engage in intellectual discussions related to the arts. The place of the meetings alternated between Tamra and Shlomi.

"At that time, Palestinian terrorism against Israelis was at a peak and many people were skeptical that bonds between Arabs and Jews could be successfully cultivated under such circumstances. Paradoxically, interest in the project grew," she said.

Corinna believes art can be the medium of peaceful Arab-Israeli encounters. One aspect of the HILAI project which has been very successful, she said, has been to simultaneously teach very young Arab and Jewish children how to play the violin using the Japanese Suzuki method.

"In the process, barriers of mistrust among their parents have been shattered, and the development of negative stereotypes among the children has been prevented."

HILAI has been endorsed by Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Education and Culture Minister Yitzhak Navon, and its advisory board includes such prominent names as author Saul Bellow, composer Aaron Copland, conductor Zubin Mehta, and Israeli writers Amos Oz and A.B. Yehoshua.

The American Jewish Committee recently hosted Corinna, while in the United States. Its director of Israel and Middle East Affairs, Dr. George Gruen, expressed support for HILAI's "fostering a spirit of tolerance in Israel."

While in Montreal, Corinna's only stop in Canada, meetings were held with Sara Reitman, president of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, as well as with representatives of the Saidye Bronfman Centre and Bronfman family foundation to discuss possible joint projects. Corinna was also introduced to Quebec writer and poet Denise Boucher, whom she invited to Ma'alot.

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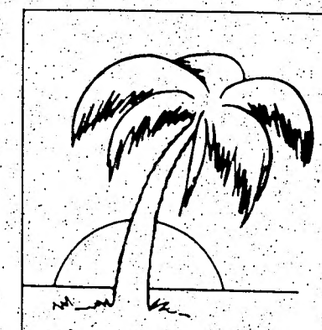

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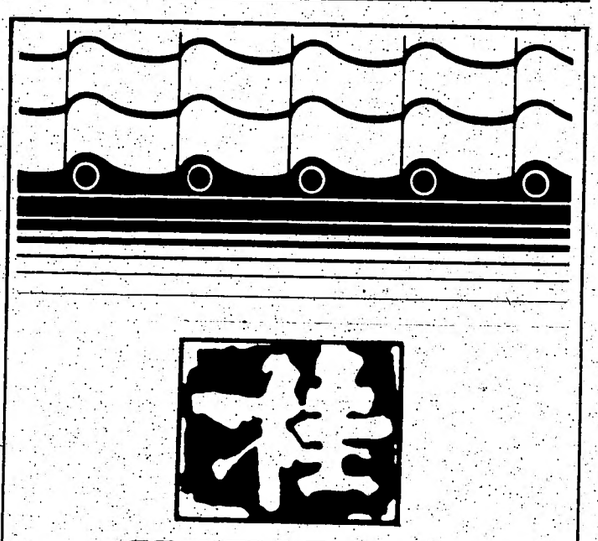

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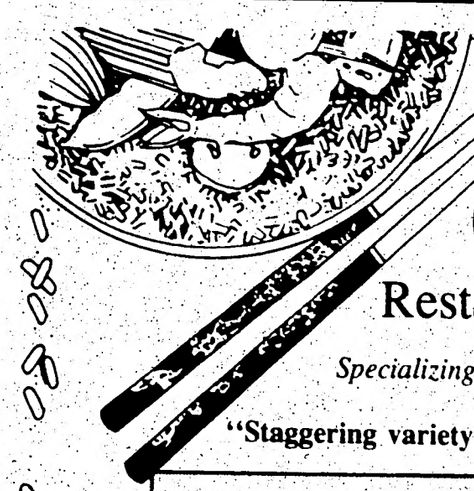

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Despite turnout, Expo 86 looks like financial loser

By
PAUL LUNGEN

VANCOUVER — Ten million, four hundred sixty-two thousand and one.

Ten million, four hundred sixty-two thousand and two.

Ten million, four hundred sixty-two thousand and three, and counting.

The turnstiles keep rotating and the crowds show no signs of abating, as up to 150,000 visitors a day take in the delights and tedium dished up at Vancouver's 100th birthday bash — Expo 86.

Despite the shoulder to shoulder crowds that have exceeded expectations and which are expected to total 15 million, Expo organizers anticipate an overall deficit of $311 million.

Visitors winding their way by the high tech gadgetry, colorful pennants, murals and displays might be forgiven for thinking all 10 million visitors are there at once, but for others a 1½-2 hour wait in one of the slower lineups might confirm the suspicion.

Magically transported

Sometimes the wait pays off, as you feel magically transported into a unique experience through the imaginative use of 3-D movies (Canada pavilion) or by an amusing display of failed inventions of the past (Imperial Oil's Roundhouse).

More than 40 corporate sponsors joined 54 international participants (not including Israel) and nine provinces and territories in dishing up an extravaganza of sights and sounds at the 5½-month fair. Expo closes its doors on Oct. 13.

Among the most popular attractions, and hence attracting the biggest crowds, is the 3-D movie at the Canadian pavilion; so realistic is the effect, you feel you are in the action and can actually reach out and touch the players.

Another highlight of the imaginative pavilion, under the sail-like roof that is a landmark on Vancouver's Burrard Inlet, is a series of dioramas — partly 3-dimensional miniature scenes of Quebec village life by Patrick Amyot.

At the General Motors pavilion, people wait up to 1½ hours to see a 9 minute holographic show in an Indian spirit lodge, where an ancient Kwakiuti storyteller "ponders the humanity of high technology in transportation" and concludes, not surprisingly, that unfettered transportation is the key to the human soul.

The high tech, glossy atmosphere of the GM pavilion stands in marked contrast to the exposition put on by the Northwest Territories.

The NWT exhibit is low on high tech gadgetry but it still manages to tug at the heartstrings.

Striking the theme of "the emerging north in search of balance," the pavilion's audio-visual displays are filled with a passion and love for the land and a way of life that the other, more expensive efforts fail to match.

As the smell of woodsmoke penetrates the air, visitors can observe pictures and films of the broad, desolate vistas of the territory and see the native handicrafts that allowed the people of the north to survive in that hostile environment.

In one of the more interesting aspects of the display, you can read quotations that illustrate the attitudes of NWT residents. One, by Roger Kuptana from Sachs Harbor, notes "you think we are lonely when we are out on the land. I tell you, it's the people in the cities who are lonely."

In an offbeat vein, a NWT resident recalled World War II as "a big war. It was between the Germans and the Bay. The Bay won."

Out by the waters of False Creek, hundreds of visitors take in the display of skills put on by BC bigwoods lumberjacks. Two of these hearty, plaid-clad, toque-topped backwoodsmen even get to show off their log rolling abilities, with each, much to the delight of the crowd, inevitably getting dunked in the best of three competition.

If all that wandering and waiting helps you work up an appetite, you needn't go hungry. An armada of 80 restaurants — everything from five McDonald's outlets (two of which boast the biggest volumes among the chain's 9,000 worldwide restaurants) to Phat Phil's Broiler Deli to Hawaiian food and everything in between — can be found throughout the 173 acre site.

For after hours entertainment at Expo, you can take in the music at 86 Street, the 700-seat cabaret in the BC pavilion complex. Dancing to the sounds of pop and rock — even cajun-dixie zydeco music — is de rigeur.

Nearby is the Unicorn, an Irish-style pub which has quickly developed a reputation for offering a rollicking good-time.

Over at the 4,200-seat Expo Theatre near the main gate, the "Legends of Rock 'n Roll" make regular appearances to the delight of sold-out crowds.

The Beach Boys take to the stage on Sept. 12 while other pop luminaries also dot the entertainment lineup: George Thorogood on Sept. 1, Manhatten Transfer Sept. 9-10, the Temptations on Sept. 11, Peter Paul & Mary on Sept. 17 and Anne Murray Sept. 27-28.

From Aug. 24-Sept. 4, La Scala opera company will perform in North America for the first time since 1976, presenting I Lombardi by Verdi. The English text of the opera will be shown above the stage at the Pacific Coloseum.

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Travel

Minaki offers spectacular sunsets

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MINAKI, Ont. —

They call this northwestern part of Ontario Sunset Country. And the sunsets are sometimes spectacular in this region of forest and lakes with horizon-to-horizon of sky.

That is the way it was when this travel reporter visited the Minaki area early this summer. I had come to see and enjoy the restoration of a 1920s railway hotel which used to cater only to the very rich, Minaki Lodge. Today it is Ontario government-owned (the government wants to sell it) and operated by the Minneapolis Radisson Hotel chain as a small convention centre, a fishing lodge with all modern amenities including golf, tennis, sailing, hunting in season, many other sport activities and with gourmet meals.

During and en route to the lodge this travel reporter also had a chance to see close at hand the small towns, the myriad of lakes and enjoy the silence of the forests with their wild life, a region usually only seen from the air by those who fly from one part of Canada to the other.

I traveled extensively by road as well as by air and by boat and can tell you the transportation and the highways are good if you want to venture into areas of this province not often visited by urban vacationers.

There are plenty of game fish in the many lakes of the Lake of the Woods region between Thunder Bay and the Ontario-Manitoba border. In Kenora and Dryden, main towns where we stopped en route by road to Minaki, there were enough signs to fishing and hunting lodges near these and smaller communities or accessible by water or float-equipped planes.

Walleye, muskellunge, smallmouth bass and northern pike are caught in many of the lakes. An Ontario fishing license ($6.26 for a Canadian resident for a year) is required. In places like Minaki Lodge or other inns and camps, your catch can be served up for dinner during your stay or packed in ice to take home.

If you plan to drive to Sunset Country, you will travel mostly on the Trans-Canada Highway, which is no Ontario Highway 401, but a well-paved 2- to 4-lane road through bush country with many yellow signs warning of deer crossings.

We flew to Dryden, then drove from there via the Trans-Canada to Kenora, then paved Highway 596 for 30 miles (48 kilometres) to Minaki Lodge. Unlike southern Ontario, there were few towns or villages on the road on the 3-hour drive from Dryden to Minaki.

At Kenora unexpectedly there is a small highrise hotel, Inn of the Woods, with a fine view from its round top floor dining room of the entire town, its lake, marinas, residential and shopping areas and the surrounding bush. Fresh-caught fish is a specialty here.

Kenora is on the main route of the early fur traders to and from the West. It was once known as Rat Portage. Today it has such modern tourist attractions as London double-decker buses for tours about the town and the 200-passenger cruise ship Kenora for cruises on the lake to visit the site of the gold rush at the end of the last century and the boundary war between Ontario and Manitoba in the 1870s.

Minaki Lodge is one of those luxury hotels built for railway travelers, the only way to reach it some 60 years ago. While more easily accessible today, except by railway, it has not lost the taste of luxury. Here it still takes most of the evening to have dinner — the menu is in French and English, European style, though most diners come from the U.S. Midwest.

Only the slightest dress relaxation has been made, but still requires jacket and tie for gentlemen.

The main lodge is a high-ceilinged log building with huge fireplace and deep-sink-in leather chairs and sofas, with mounted trophies of moose and deer and even some bears shot in the area standing about.

You can go fishing in 16- or 18-foot boats at $50 for a half-day; guides' pay if required is $35 for a half-day.

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The Readers Ask

By

MURRAY SHERR & BUNNY BERGSTEIN

Question: I will be 71 next month. I know I must purchase an annuity with my RRSP funds this year. As I have a good income, I will only incur additional income tax. Is there anything I can do to minimize my tax payable for this year?

Answer: There are two things that you can do. First, you can make an additional contribution to your RRSP for 1986. This will cut down your net taxable income by the amount of the contribution.

The contribution you are allowed is 20% of earned income, if any, to a maximum of $7,500 plus the total of your Canada Pension, Old Age Pension and any other pension you may receive. If you have pension from work, be sure to hold out $1,000 for the Pension Income Deduction.

Second, since you do not want any more income in 1986, we can arrange for the income from the annuity to begin in January of 1987.

These two steps will help minimize your taxation for 1986. In 1987, and thereafter, you will be fully taxable unless you can make spousal contributions.

Question: We have a mortgage investment that is coming due later this year. My wife and I are both over 70 and we are wondering if there is a better investment than purchasing more mortgages. We are looking for something that will give us a return that is worry free.

Answer: An alternative to be considered as a safe, worry free investment is a prescribed annuity. Like annuities that are purchased from RRSP funds, prescribed annuities are available in many different forms to suit the particular needs of the individual investing in them. They can be purchased to pay income for the lifetime of a person or on a joint survivor basis. They can also be bought for a certain number of years — say 10 years certain or 15 years certain.

The main difference between annuities from RRSPs and prescribed annuities is the method of paying tax on the income. Income arising from RRSPs is fully taxable in the year received. Income arising from prescribed annuities is only partially taxed. Part of the income received is deemed to be a return of principal and therefore, not taxed. Part of the income is deemed to be new interest and therefore, is taxed.

However, the taxable portion is pre-set and a constant level amount throughout the term of the annuity. The actual tax works out to be lower than would be required to pay on a mortgage because with a mortgage, the interest portion is very high in the early years and lower in the later years. Since the interest portion is deemed to be lower, the tax paid is lower and therefore, the amount retained by the annuitant after tax is higher.

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Answer: The answer to this question has quite a long history. Up to Nov. 12, 1981, the severance pay allowance was $3,500 for everyone. Then the budget of that date brought in a division. The $3,500 was continued for those people who were not members of a pension plan and $2,000 for those people who were members of a pension plan.

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Cloth, Alex on July 31, 1986, late of 65 Viewmount Ave.
Cohen, David Alan on July 25, 1986, late of 2 Hammok Cres.
Cohen, Max on July 15, 1986, late of 9 Kingsbridge Ct., #511.
Davidson, Estelle on July 22, 1986, late of 3896 Bathurst St., #305.
Dubinsky, Theodore on Aug. 3, 1986, late of 608 St. Germaine Ave.
Freeman, Freda on July 16, 1986, late of Baycrest Home For The Aged.
Fromstein, Bess on July 15, 1986, late of 6010 Bathurst St., #408.
Gams, Paul on July 24, 1986, late of 1603 Bathurst St., #405.
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Glass, Sophie on July 18, 1986, late of 60 Old Colony Rd.
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Litowitz, Morris on July 21, 1986, late of 10 Bitteroot Rd.
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This Aug. 4-20 study session has been arranged as part of an intensive program to enlighten the people of Canada on the issues and events that took place during the Holocaust years, league officials say.

"The participants will gain valuable personal insight into the historic events of the Holocaust. This will be accomplished by a program of lectures, on-site visits to concentration camps, and personal contact with Holocaust survivors," said Phil Leon, league national chairman.

"Our Canadian educators will also be meeting with teachers of Holocaust studies in Europe and Israel. These peer group exchanges will no doubt be of great significance and have the benefit of proven experience in teaching a particularly sensitive subject."

Interest shown by educators

League national director Alan Shefman, who is leading the mission, said the study tour is "an extension of the ongoing concern of the League for Human Rights as expressed through an extensive program on the Holocaust."

The league officials said a great deal of interest was shown by educators across Canada, and the selection committee chose the following teachers: Darryl Reimche, Composite High School, Camrose, Alta.; Victor Lehman, Spruce Grove Composite High School, Spruce Grove, Alta.; John Poulsen, Henry Wise Wood High School, Calgary; Carolyn Smith, Delburne School, Delburne, Alta.; Ernest Krieger, Sentinel Secondary, West Vancouver, BC; Paul Jones, Richelieu Valley Regional High School, McMasterville, Que., Rene Dessureault, Victoriaville High School, Victoriaville, Que.;

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